

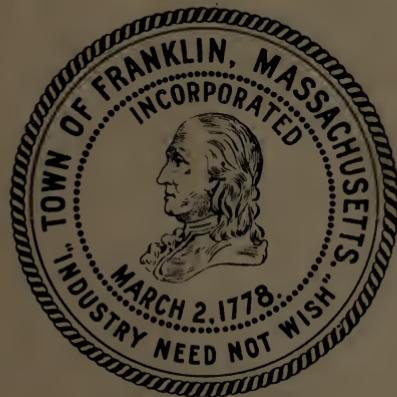
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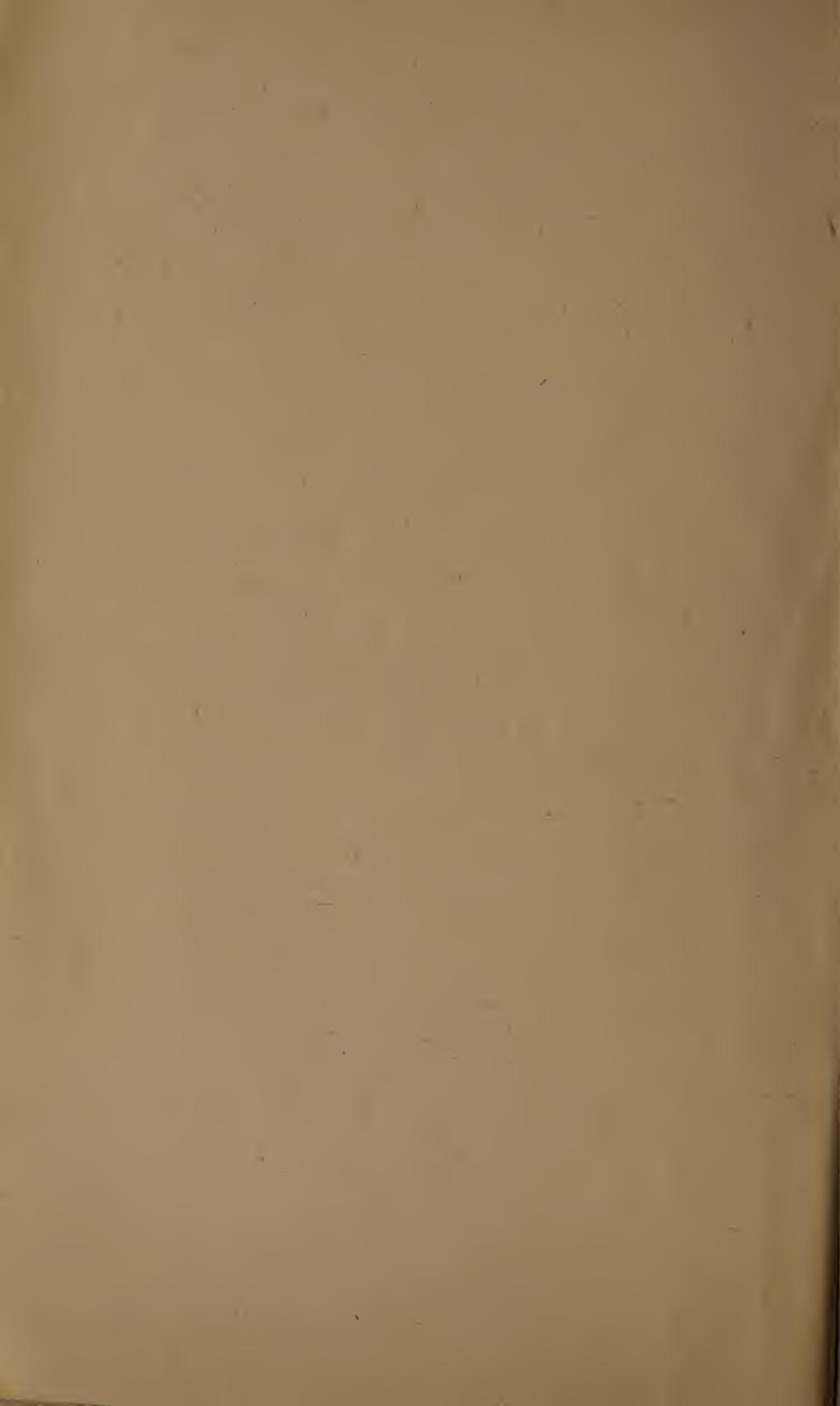
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TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED

For the Municipal Year of 1899-1900.

Selectmen:

HORACE W. HOSIE, J. CUSHING GALLISON,
ALFRED CLARK, JR.

Town Clerk:

ORESTES T. DOE.

Treasurer:

NELSON E. NEWELL.

Assessors:

WILLIAM ROCKWOOD, ELISHA P. CHAPMAN,
JAMES O. CHILSON.

Overseers of the Poor:

GEORGE E. EMERSON, FREMONT M. RICHARDSON,
SAMUEL Y. REED.

Auditor:

PALMER A. WOODWARD.

Collector of Taxes:

EDWARD H. SHERMAN.

School Committee:

WILLIAM A. WYCKOFF,	Term expires,	1900
FRED P. CHAPMAN,	" "	1901
AMBROSE J. GALLISON,	" "	1902

Board of Health:

GREGORY A. MARTIN, CHAIRMAN,	" "	1902
DWIGHT M. HODGE, SECRETARY,	" "	1901
MARSTON SANBORN,	" "	1900

Constables:

LEWIS R. WHITAKER,	FRED L. DAVIS,
SILAS W. NICKERSON.	

Fence Viewers:

AMOS P. WOODWARD,	JAMES O. CHILSON,
LUCIUS W. DANIELS.	

Field Drivers:

AMOS P. WOODWARD,	FRANK W. GUILD,
FRANK W. WILLARD.	

Pound Keeeper:

NORMAN B. STONE.

Committee of Fifteen:

GEORGE W. WIGGIN, CHAIRMAN,	J. CUSHING GALLISON,
FRED P. CHAPMAN,	GEORGE E. EMERSON,
JOSEPH P. BASSETT,	HENRY E. RUGGLES,
CHARLES E. WOODWARD,	CHARLES F. NYE,
CHARLES STEWART,	EDWIN A. MASON,
EDWARD H. SHERMAN,	THOMAS E. THAINE,
BRADLEY M. ROCKWOOD,	LAWRENCE J. KELLEY,
JEREMIAH J. McCARTHY.	

OFFICERS APPOINTED.

Superintendent of Streets :

FRANK S. STREETER.

Special Police :

CHARLES R. GOWEN,	WILLIAM G. CODY,
KERVIN R. JEWETT,	GEORGE BOURBEAU,
DANIEL W. FISHER,	GEORGE W. HILL,
JOSEPH T. HUTCHINSON,	EDMUND J. ROCKWOOD,
WALTER LOVELACE,	CHARLES BADGER,
EDWARD P. PROCTOR,	HERBERT A. BENT,
CHARLES E. BALDWIN.	

Surveyors of Lumber :

WILLIAM ROCKWOOD,	CLARENCE H. WOODWARD,
ELMER M. WADSWORTH,	EDWARD S. COOK,
EDWARD J. ST. JOHNS.	

Measurers of Wood and Bark :

WILLIAM ROCKWOOD,	T. JEFFERSON DANIELS,
EDWARD J. ST. JOHNS,	CLARENCE H. WOOWARD,
ALEXANDER M. HAGGART.	KERVIN R. JEWETT,
EDWARD S. COOK.	ELMER M. WADSWORTH,

Measurers of Grain :

FRANK D. METCALF,	ELMER M. WADSWORTH,
JAMES F. RAY,	CLARENCE H. WOOWARD,
NATHAN B. ARNOLD.	WILLIAM ROCKWOOD.

Weighers of Coal and Hay:

JOSEPH E. CLARK,	NATHAN B. ARNOLD,
CLARENCE H. WOODWARD,	KERVIN R. JEWETT,
ALEXANDER M. HAGGART,	JAMES F. RAY,
ELMER M. WADSWORTH,	ORRIN W. BUGBEE.
THOMAS KEEFE.	

Sealer of Weights and Measures:

GRANVILLE H. ELLIS (Declined),
FRED L. DAVIS.

Inspector of Kerosene Oil.

GEORGE I. PECK.

Agents for Burial of Soldiers:

EDWIN A. MASON,	WALTER M. FISHER,
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Auctioneers:

LEWIS R. WHITAKER,	DAVID W. CORSON.
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Police and Liquor Officer:

SILAS W. NICKERSON.

Police Officer and Night Watchman:

ANTHONY CONNER.

Inspector of Animals:

WILLIAM F. KING.

Forest Fire Wards.

WILLIAM F. KING,	T. JEFFERSON DANIELS,
FRANK S. STREETER.	NORMAN B. STONE,
JAMES M. PARKER,	HUBERT H. GATES,
CHARLES E. WOODWARD,	ALBERT J. NEWELL,
FRED H. JOHNSON,	EDWIN P. PROCTOR.

Board of Fire Engineers:

JOHN G. CUNNINGHAM. *GEORGE I. PECK,
JAMES B. MCKINNON, WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY,
LAWRENCE J. KELLEY. †ALFRED L. PIERCE,
CHARLES H. CORBIN.

Registrars of Voters:

BRADLEY M. ROCKWOOD,	Term expires,	1902
JAMES W. DESMOND,	" "	1901
JOHN B. COLLINS,	" "	1900
ORESTES T. DOE, Ex-officio.		

*Declined.

†Resigned.

Reports of Town Officers.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TO THE VOTERS OF FRANKLIN:

The Board of Selectmen for the year 1899 organized with Dr. J. Cushing Gallison again as chairman.

Nelson E. Newell was appointed secretary to the board. Mr. Newell, with his experience, has been a valuable secretary.

The illness of the chairman entailed additional labor upon his associates, which has been admirably conducted.

The absence of large and expensive snowstorms has permitted a favorable exhibit in the road department. The fact of these contingencies should be ever borne in mind in determining the appropriation.

The matter relating to Union Street crossing may well be continued in the hands of the Selectmen and action delayed until further developments occur relating to steam and electric roads in our locality.

The greater use of our highways in recent years, especially as to bicyclists and patrons of electric roads, demands additional attention to our guideboards.

We again recommend the sale of the engine and boiler idle in the quarry, unless some new method of road building be adopted.

The past year has again demonstrated the value of experience in all town servants.

The matter of the sewer is largely adjusted, and will apparently entail no additional financial burden to the town.

The ancient burial ground, so long neglected, has become a just source of pride to the public, and the appropriation therefor expended with judgment.

The ancient method of delaying financial affairs to meet contingencies is misleading and becoming a thing of the past.

The financial condition of the town appears excellent. The employment of expert accountants in the various departments is productive of satisfactory results with no additional expense.

Money appropriated for highways for the past fiscal year has been expended as follows:

Washington Street,		\$150 00
Summer	"	200 00
Pond	"	76 50
Winter	"	75 75
Lincoln	"	301 50
King	"	30 00
Cottage	"	198 85
Miller	"	150 25
Forest	"	15 00
Bent	"	74 50
Chestnut	"	105 00
Elm	"	35 50
Wachusett	"	42 00
Peck	"	77 25
Dean Avenue,		10 00
Prospect Street,		60 00
Spring	"	9 00
Grove	"	399 75
South	"	21 00
Beech	"	34 00
Crescent	"	25 75
Howard	"	75 00
Beaver	"	147 50

High Street,	26 00
Arlington "	15 00
Emmons "	81 75
Oak "	10 00
Jordan "	29 00
Partridge "	150 00
West "	11 00
Central "	102 75
East "	295 50
Union "	23 50
Worsted "	20 00
Cross "	80 10
Maple "	48 00
Fisher "	10 00
Daniels "	74 50
Main "	48 75
Miscellaneous snow bills,	1,010 72
Stone and gravel,	144 90
Hay and grain,	445 43
Blacksmithing,	109 79
Drain pipe, tools, etc.,	176 58
Wagon,	103 00
Concrete gutters,	57 77
Land damage,	30 00
Stone and bridge work,	128 91
General expenses,	792 61
 Total,	\$6,339 66

ESTIMATES.

The following estimates for the expenses of the town for the ensuing fiscal year are respectfully submitted:

Schools, as estimated by School Committee,	\$14,200 00
Roads, bridges and walks,	7,000 00
Support of poor,	5,000 00
Fire department,	3,200 00
Water supply,	4,040 00
Street lights,	3,800 00

Abatements and collections,	900 00
Town debt,	2,200 00
Interest,	1,200 00
Town officers,	1,600 00
Printing and stationery,	375 00
Police and suppression of illegal liquor traffic,	1,500 00
State and military aid,	500 00
Soldiers' relief,	500 00
Public library,	700 00
Memorial day,	100 00
Miscellaneous, including insurance,	900 00
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Total,	\$47,715 00

J. CUSHING GALLISON,
 HORACE W. HOSIE,
 ALFRED CLARK, JR.,
 Selectmen.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

The Assessors met and organized March 29, '99, and made choice of William Rockwood to serve as chairman and J. O. Chilson as secretary.

They have attended to their duties as follows:

Valuation of personal property, May 1, 1899,	\$662,825 00
" buildings,	1,563,870 00
" lands,	886,430 00
" resident bank stock,	130,020 00
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Total,	\$3,223,145 00

Number of polls,	1,267
Rate of taxation per \$1,000,	\$ 15 00
State tax,	1,725 00
County tax,	2,738 10
Town grant, less corporation tax,	45,247 47
Number of houses,	1,002
" horses,	592
" cows,	699
" swine,	34
" sheep,	28

ABATEMENTS, WITH CAUSES.

LIST FOR 1898.

Brennenstahl Lizzie, taxed twice,	\$1 12
Burgess, Albert, taxed twice,	2 00
Bresnahan, Daniel, removed,	2 00
Clements, Fred, did not own,	2 40
Chapman, Fred P., did not own,	1 20
Connors, James, taxed twice,	2 00
Danner, Joseph, removed,	2 00
Davis, Charles E., removed,	2 00
Eckenstein, Hugo A., not in town May 1, 1898,	2 00
Eames, Herbert L., paid tax in Upton,	2 00
Fifield, Horace, dead,	2 00
George, William, poor,	2 00
Guild, Charles E., residence then in R. I.,	2 00
Gordon, Edwin, removed,	2 00
Goggins, Thomas J., removed,	2 00
Howland, George, removed,	2 00
Thurman, Harry, in England,	2 32
Keefe, William, age and disability,	2 00
Kershaw, John A., in Nova Scotia,	2 00
Lawton, Henry A., over value,	8 00
Laroche, Arthur, taxable in Watertown,	2 00
Laroche, Alphonso J., poor,	2 16
Mullen, Frank, removed,	2 00
McDonald, Michael R., removed,	2 00

Marquedant, Charles, removed,	3 20
Newton, Edwin R., removed,	2 00
O'Connor, Frank, removed,	2 00
O'Leary, Michael, not taxable here,	2 00
Ryan, Martin, unknown,	40
Randall, Frank H., not 20 years old May 1, 1898,	2 00
Reilly, John F., poor,	2 00
Ryan, Michael, removed,	2 00
Rodick, Edward, removed,	2 00
Robinson, Albert W., disability.	2 00
Sherwood, William, removed,	2 00
Sullivan, Thomas H., removed,	2 00
Shea, Dr. Daniel F., dead,	3 60
Davison (Bertha), Sheldon (Fannie), taxed twice,	3 20
Staples, George H., taxed in Framingham,	2 00
Thomas, Charles, removed,	2 00
Tingue, Patrick, removed,	2 00
Woodland, James B., in Nova Scotia,	2 00
Allard, Edward, in Canada,	2 00
Blair, Lawrence L., removed,	2 00
Brown, Edward, poor,	2 00
Buter, Nicholas, in Italy,	2 00
Blake, Charles H., dead,	2 00
Dudley, Alonzo, dead,	2 00
Dumas, George, taxed twice,	2 00
Dean, Charles I., paid in Watertown,	2 00
Eddy, George W., removed,	2 00
Emory, Warren, in Cuban army,	2 00
Farley, David, dead,	2 00
Frier, Thomas, same as Thomas Fraher,	2 00
George, Mark, dead,	2 00
Gage, Nelson, insane and in poorhouse,	2 00
Gordon, James H., Jr., in Nova Scotia,	2 00
Gray, William, paid tax in Westboro',	2 00
Gordon, Edward F., removed,	2 00
Herbert, Standish C., removed,	2 00
Jessup, George, removed,	2 00

Lannigan, John, 2d, poor,	2 00
McCormier, Fred, removed,	2 00
Madey, S., removed,	2 00
Miller, Joseph C., dead,	2 00
MacAvoy, Frank, taxed in Milford,	2 00
Moore, George M., removed,	2 00
Mahan, Lawrence C., same as Meehan,	2 00
Norman, Norby, not taxable here,	2 00
Nolan, Martin F., removed,	2 00
Ober, Edward P., paid tax in Bellingham,	2 00
O'Connell, Jeffries, exempt,	2 00
O'Connell, Michael, unknown,	2 00
Paul, Adolphus, removed,	2 00
Pataduno, Toney, unknown,	2 00
Perkins, Hawald, not taxable here,	2 00
Post, Charles E., removed,	2 00
Prior, William A., in Chicago,	2 00
Richmond, George, taxable in Rehoboth,	2 00
Roach, Thomas D., not taxable here,	2 00
St. John, Leander, removed,	2 00
Sullivan, Peter, paid tax in Chelsea,	2 00
Thomas, William H., paid tax in Boston,	2 00
Walsh, William, poor,	2 00
Winne, George, poor,	2 00
Wise, Adam, poor,	4 00
Wise, Leon (20),
Bishop, J. W., poor,	2 16
Corthell, N. L., removed,	2 16
Corbett, Wm. M., did not own,	40
Costonia, David, removed,	2 56
Caulkin, Henry, did not own,	40
Hill, George E., removed,	2 64
Joyall, Joseph, poor,	2 96
Mann, Horace W., removed,	1 56
Miller, James W., dead,	64
Ober, Elizabeth, paid in Bellingham,	1 60
Robertson, Hector, in Canada,	19 76
Stone, Thomas J., removed,	2 64

Anthony, Florence, taxed twice,	2 00
Dupont, Henry C., taxed twice,	3 20
Fitzgerald, Timothy, did not own,	80

Total abatements for 1898,	\$227 08

TAX ABATEMENTS FOR 1899.

Spirre, Louis, personal estate, over value,	\$ 67
Briggs, Richard, personal estate, did not own,	75
McKean, Peter, poll and personal, under age,	2 30
Mann, William, real estate, taxed twice,	3 20
Farrell, John, heirs, real estate, widow's exemption,	4 50
Wadsworth, Abbie L., real estate, over value,	4 88
Pond, Lottie I. and Elizabeth A., real estate, exempt,	6 00
Gorman, Patrick, poll and real, disability,	6 50
Bradley, Peter B. and Robert S., real estate, over value,	7 50
Canney, John, heirs, real estate, over value,	7 50
McKean, William A., " "	15 00
Ray, Edgar K., " "	22 05
Milliken, L. W., personal estate, " "	27 00
Fitzpatrick, Joseph F., real estate, soldier's exemp- tion,	30 00

Total abatements for 1899,	\$137 85

WILLIAM ROCKWOOD,
JAMES O. CHILSON,
E. P. CHAPMAN,

Assessors of Franklin.

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

FEBRUARY 1, 1900.

1898 TAXES.

Balance unpaid February 1, 1899,	\$11,076 30
Interest account,	225 95
Paid to treasurer fiscal year 1899,	\$10,970 13
Abatements,	332 12
 Totals,	 \$11,302 25 \$11,302 25

1899 TAXES.

Committed for collection August 1, 1899,	\$52,278 13
Paid to treasurer to and including January 31, 1900,	\$40,350 00
Abatements,	137 85
Balance due February 1, 1900,	11,790 28
 Totals,	 \$52,278 13 \$52,278 13

Above statement shows \$51,320.13 paid into the treasury fiscal year 1899 and no taxes due back of 1899.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD H. SHERMAN,
Collector.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

The board presents the following report for the year ending January 31, 1900:

Appropriated,		\$6,000 00
Expended,	\$8,478 93	
Received from other towns and alms-		
house,	2,023 76	
	—————	6,455 17
Overdrawn,		\$455 17
Due from other towns, State and alms-		
house,	802 45	
	—————	
		\$347 28

From the above amount—\$802.45—we have received \$140.00 after the closing up of the books. Had the full amount been received it would have left unexpended \$347.28.

We would recommend the sum of \$5,000.00 for the coming year.

We would reiterate the fact that calls during the past year from women and children have been very numerous, and we have used all care in the distribution of aid.

Mr. and Mrs. Stone have ably conducted affairs, and both the inside and outside departments show the effects of their endeavors.

Repairs have been made as ordered by the State inspector as follows: Bathroom removed from basement to main part of house; two toilet closets added, one on each floor; barn shingled and repaired; cesspools and bank walls built; the washroom removed to the basement of the house, and thirteen rooms painted, whitened and floored, six rooms papered. A shed, 40x22, has been constructed; also, a large amount of plumbing and other repairs too numerous to mention.

INMATES AT ALMSHOUSE.

Name.	Age.	Weeks.
George Daniels,	57	52
Levi C. Fisher,	90	52
J. W. McPherson,	86	52
Charles A. Clark,	86	52
Mary A. Gillaney,	38	52
Anna Grant,	21	23
Clara Watkins,	63	10—3 days
P. McParland,	75	12
Patrick Phillips,	80	52
Mrs. Patrick Phillips,	78	35
P. Holbrook (boarder).		52
Superintendent's family, house servant, hired men and tramps,		235
Nelson Gage,	75	2
George Granger,	76	41
John Hussey,	52	28—5 "
— Hatfield,		4 "
George Heaton,	65	12—4 "
Betsy Hawkins,	70	16
Oliver S. Howe,	83	14—2 "
Mrs. Oliver S. Howe,	80	14—2 "
Mary Howe,	49	14—2 "
Dennis Long,	50	3
Total number of weeks,		826

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. EMERSON,
S. Y. REED,
F. M. RICHARDSON,

Overseers of Poor.

REPORT OF ENGINEERS.

The Board of Engineers of the Fire Department submit the following report:

Appropriated,	\$3,000 00
Expended,	3,003 37
Overdrawn,	\$3 37

FIRES.

Feb. 6—Alarm from box 24, A. D. Thayer picker house ; insured.

Feb. 24—Box 6, E. L. Metcalf's bake shop ; insured.

March 14—Maroney's bake shop ; insurance on building, none on contents.

April 8—Metcalf Block, in clothing store ; insured.

May 13—Box 8, Ellen Mason's house, Central street ; insured ; partial loss.

May 26—Box 8, George Dauphinee's barn ; insured.

May 27—Box 8, George Mason's house, Alpine place ; damage slight.

June 22—Box 8, Spears Building ; damage slight.

July 5—Box 32, Mrs. W. E. Whiting's barn ; insured ; partial loss.

July 6—Marks' clothing store ; insured.

Aug. 22—Mrs. Crafts' millinery store ; insured.

Sept. 10—Woodland Park Hall ; no alarm here ; Medway department responded to alarm in that town ; total loss ; insured.

Oct. 7—Henry Grant's carpenter shop, Cottage street ; no insurance ; partial loss.

Oct. 29—Peter Goodno's house ; total loss ; insured.

Nov. 7—Henry Shumsky's store ; loss \$400 ; insured.

Jan. 7—Henry Poor's house ; total loss ; insured.

Your department consists of two engine companies, three hose companies, one hook and ladder company, in fair condition. We have purchased one hose carriage during the year, and located same in building of Millard H. Nason, on Union street, near Nason crossing, and transferred ten men from J. G. Ray Engine Company to operate the same.

We recommend three thousand dollars for the use of the department the coming year; also, two hundred dollars for repairs on engine-houses.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. CUNNINGHAM,
JAMES B. MCKINNON,
L. J. KELLEY,
CHARLES H. CORBIN,
W. F. BUCKLEY,

Board of Engineers.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN:

During the early months of the present year one member of this board, Dr. G. A. Martin, was absent in Europe. The board was organized immediately after the last town meeting, with Marston Sanborn as chairman and Dwight M. Hodge as secretary. On July 19, 1899, Mr. Sanborn resigned as chairman and Dr. G. A. Martin was elected in his place.

A number of complaints, all of them well-founded, have been made to the board during the year, and in every case this board has promptly investigated the conditions complained of and secured the sanitary reformation which appeared to be required. In two cases a condition of things which would hardly have been suspected was found to exist, threatening very seriously the health of the community. Con-

stant vigilance and constant cleanliness are necessary in order to maintain the public health. We are glad to be able to report that no case of diphtheria has been made known to us the past year. There has been, however, an increase in the number of cases of typhoid fever. The board would protest, in the strongest manner, against the use of water from wells unless exceptionally situated, at a distance from all thickly populated areas. The soil of the village of Franklin has become saturated from cesspools and drainage, and no one can be sure that his well, once perhaps yielding pure water, has not become contaminated. In spite of some objectionable taste and odor at certain seasons of the year, the public water will be found far safer than the water from wells. The filtering and boiling of drinking water is commended, from whatever source the water may come.

There have been one hundred and five cases of infectious disease reported to this board the past year. Of these eighty-nine were measles, ten were scarlet fever and six were typhoid fever.

Two licenses have been granted to butchers during the year and two to undertakers.

Respectfully submitted,

GREGORY A. MARTIN,
DWIGHT M. HODGE,
MARSTON SANBORN,
Board of Health.

REPORT OF LIQUOR OFFICER FOR 1899.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF FRANKLIN:

I received my appointment last March as a special officer for the suppression of the illegal sale and traffic in intoxicating liquors in the town of Franklin.

Since receiving my appointment I have sworn out and served nine search warrants, made four seizures and prosecuted three persons for illegal keeping, and they all paid fines. One paid fifty dollars for illegal keeping and twenty-five dollars for violation of Sunday law; the second one paid fifty dollars for illegal keeping; the third paid twenty-five dollars for violation of Sunday law, fifty dollars for keeping a liquor nuisance, and seventy-five dollars for illegal keeping. Frank Angelo, one of the four persons from whom liquor was seized, left the State and is still away. I also made a seizure of hard cider from Eugene Clark and prosecuted him for violation of Sunday law. He paid twenty-five dollars. Also prosecuted him for illegal keeping. This case was placed on file. The cider that Eugene Clark was keeping for sale was not made in this Commonwealth.

The selling of cider is still one of the great evils in the way of effectually enforcing the liquor law. When men and boys can go and buy cider and wine not to be drank on the premises we feel the spirit of the law is broken, even if the letter of the statute is followed. There ought to be some way of reaching this kind of business, but today there is no law to prevent cider dealers from selling cider and wine to children.

The number of arrests that I have made since my appointment last March is thirty-five: Illegal keeping and liquor nuisance, four; drunks, seventeen; assault, five; larceny, two; breaking and entering, two; disturbing the peace, one; tramp, one.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SILAS W. NICKERSON,
Liquor Officer.

REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE AND KEEPER OF LOCK-UP.

To THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

I submit the following report:

Was appointed chief of police and keeper of lock-up March 26. Have made the following arrests:

For vagrancy,	7
“ drunkenness,	20
“ assault,	3
“ disturbance,	3
“ larceny,	3

Number of tramps for year in lock-up, 296

Yours, respectfully,

ANTHONY CONNOR,

Chief of Police.

REPORT OF THE FRANKLIN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

The Directors of the Franklin Library Association present the following report for the year ending Feb. 6, 1900:

The library and reading-room have been regularly opened to the public.

The number of different persons taking books for home use in the course of the year was 611; the number of books taken out, 10,265. This is an increase over last year of 82 persons and 812 books.

The library has been enlarged by the purchase of 108 new volumes; also, by the donation of 52 bound volumes and 19

pamphlets. Twenty-six of the volumes donated were the gift of our townsman, Hon. Joseph G. Ray. The remainder consist of public records and reports, including a memorial volume of the city of Malden, records of Lexington, and "The '98 Campaign of the Sixth Massachusetts, U. S. V."

The reading-room is furnished with the leading magazines and two daily newspapers. To Mr. Carl B. Johnson the library is indebted for the use of our local paper, "The Franklin Sentinel."

Cases and cards have been purchased for a card catalogue which is to be started the coming year.

In order to continue the privileges of the library to the public it will be necessary for the town to appropriate the sum of seven hundred dollars.

GEORGE W. WIGGIN.
For the Directors.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

NELSON E. NEWELL, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN.

RECEIPTS.

1898.

Feb. 1—Cash in treasury,		\$5,053 98
From E. H. Sherman, col., balance of 1898 taxes,	11,076	30
" interest on 1898 "	225	95
" account of 1899 "	40,487	85
Borrowed money,		17,750 00
State treasurer, bal. corporation tax,		141 42
" " corporation tax,	2,033	79
" " national bank tax,	236	69
" " military aid,	120	00
" " State "	1,233	00

From State treasurer, burial of soldiers,	35 00
" " income of school fund,	205 51
County " dog licenses,	603 24
Almshouse, supplies sold,	1,532 05
Other towns, on pauper account,	491 71
School tuition and supplies sold,	255 06
Joseph G. Ray, on sewer account,	1,402 29
J. T. Hutchinson, Mount schoolhouse,	152 50
Mrs. Carr's State aid,	48 00
Interest on Lucretia Pond fund,	35 30
Alfred Clark, cart and horse,	15 00
Cemetery fence, sold,	12 50
Fine paid at jail,	5 00
District Court fines,	544 09
Licenses, manure, gravel, etc.,	49 59
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Total,	\$83,745 82

NELSON E. NEWELL,
Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

NELSON E. NEWELL, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN.

EXPENDITURES.

Paid teachers and superintendent of schools,	\$9,386 35
Janitors,	1,136 50
For fuel for schools,	959 37
" repairs of school buildings,	591 32
" books and supplies,	827 59
" transportation of pupils,	1,537 45
" miscellaneous school expenses,	388 59
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Total school expenses,	\$14,827 17

Paid for repairs of roads, bridges and walks,	6,339 66
" support of almshouse,	4,175 73
" " outside poor,	4,303 20
" " fire department,	3,003 37
" street lights,	3,734 13
Town officers,	1,520 00
Police,	848 02
For suppression of illegal liquor selling,	637 85
" printing,	359 10
Notes,	19,950 00
Interest account,	1,028 66
Abatement and collection of taxes,	954 72
For water for hydrants,	4,048 53
State, county and bank taxes,	5,799 30
For support of Public Library,	700 00
" Memorial Day,	100 00
" military aid,	260 00
" State "	1,224 00
" soldiers' relief,	509 75
" concrete sidewalks,	394 42
To reimburse C. B. Johnson,	100 00
For repairs to Union Street Cemetery,	893 91
" Forest fires,	34 75
" sewer construction,	3,213 08
" " for Horace Mann Schoolhouse,	266 66
" general sewer plan,	300 00
" miscellaneous town expenses,	909 26
Cash in treasury February 1, 1900,	3,310 55
 Total,	\$83,745 82

NELSON E. NEWELL,
Treasurer.

EXPENDITURES.

FOR SCHOOLS.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

	NO. WEEKS.	
Paid E. D. Daniels, supt. and principal,	\$1,800 00	
Grace C. Whiting, Horace Mann,	39 4-5	646 75
Arthur Blake,	" 20	250 00
Ruth E. Hubbard,	" 20	275 00
Clara C. Ham,	" 39 3-5	420 50
Frances E. King,	" 39 4-5	537 30
Frank H. Wilkins,	" 39 3-5	504 80
Anne L. Judd,	" 19	26 00
Nellie Willard,	" 20	50 00
Isabel M. Reilly, Wm. M. Thayer,	37	425 50
Charles F. Frazer,	" 37	341 50
Lucy B. Conner,	" 37	351 50
Caroline Atkins,	" 19	190 00
Alice Fernald,	" 18	162 00
Theresa D. Lewis, Nason street,	39	379 00
Pearl Jacobs,	" 36 2-5	364 00
Lucy E. Tower,	" 36 9-10	369 00
Rebecca Dunning, Brick, Lincoln st.,	37	370 00
Bertha A. Hood, Four Corners, Central street,	37	360 50
Emily F. Morse, Arlington street,	7 3-5	76 00
Margaret A. Sullivan, City Mills and Arlington street,	37	323 50
Bertha E. Ellis, Unionville,	37	370 00
Mary E. Bright, City Mills,	37	153 00

	NO. WEEKS.	
Paid Lizzie T. Hosmer, music,	39	312 00
Adra R. Mason, drawing,	37	185 00
" teachers' class, draw-		
ing,	50 00	
Mabel Gilmore, substitute,	12	93 50
 Total,		 \$9,386 35

FOR JANITORS.

Paid William Dove, care Horace Mann School, 41 7-9 weeks, at \$9.00,	\$376 00
Daniel W. Fisher, care Horace Mann School, 8 weeks, at \$9.00,	72 00
Joseph Guild, care Nason Street and Wm. M. Thayer Schools, 52 weeks, at \$10.50,	546 00
John Dunning, care Lincoln Street School, 38 weeks, at 75 cents,	28 50
Chas. W. Knowlton, care Central Street School, 22 weeks, at 75 cents,	16 50
B. A. Hood, care Central Street School, 15 weeks, at 75 cents,	11 25
H. B. Crook, care Central Street School, 1 week, at 75 cents,	1 50
Alex. Smith, care Arlington Street School, 23 1-3 weeks, at 75 cents,	17 50
Charles B. Hutchinson, care Arlington Street School, 15 weeks, at 75 cents,	11 25
M. M. Sullivan, care City Mills School, 23 weeks, at 50 cents,	11 50
M. Bright, care City Mills School, 15 weeks, at 50 cents,	7 50
Benj. Bennett, care Unionville School,	37 00
 Total,	 \$1,136 50

FOR SCHOOL FUEL.

Paid Alex. M. Haggart,	coal,	\$43 12
Orrin W. Bugbee,	"	575 38
W. A. Pond,	wood,	336 50
J. F. Ray,	coal,	3 25
Chas. Hutchinson,	cutting wood,	1 12
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Total,		\$959 37

FOR REPAIRS.

Paid Hosie Bros.,		\$83 22
B. McGuire,		8 12
O. B. Blake,		5 61
O. F. Metcalf & Sons,		38 82
E. G. Fisher,		13 84
W. E. Crowninshield,		8 00
George L. Cleveland,		2 25
C. H. Corbin,		7 68
M. H. Hart,		73 05
John D. Hatch,		75
J. T. Hutchinson,		5 00
James F. Rose,		1 20
George H. Grant,		341 03
A. C. Dana,		25
Herbert Bent,		3 00
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Total,		\$591 32

FOR BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid American Book Co.,	books,	\$169 29
Maynard, Morrill & Co.,	"	3 15
Ellis Publishing Co.,	"	5 33
Silver, Burdet & Co.,	"	31 50

Paid D. C. Heath & Co.,	books,	—	7 57
Edw. E. Babb,	" and supplies,	204 11	
Ginn & Co.,	" "	44 86	
Allen & Bacon,	"	7 45	
Morse & Co.,	"	7 20	
Oliver Ditson & Co.,	"	5 10	
Leach, Sewell & Sanborn,	"	1 25	
J. L. Hammett & Co.,	"	82 02	
T. H. Castor & Co.,	"	4 91	
Warren Kellough,	"	3 75	
J. S. Lockwood,	"	6 88	
L. T. Hosmer,	supplies,	1 50	
Carl B. Johnson,	"	30 31	
A. C. Mason,	"	11 10	
The Prang Co.,	pictures,	13 10	
J. S. Wesby & Son,	supplies,	16 25	
A. R. Mason,	"	29 32	
Farrington & Gushee,	"	9 08	
Joseph Gillott & Son,	"	8 70	
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.,	"	73 67	
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co.,	"	2 83	
E. A. Cleveland,	" and labor,	17 91	
Razee & Son's Express,	express,	2 89	
Smith Typewriter Co.,	supplies,	5 75	
Winslow's Express,	express,	2 15	
Wm. Dove,	supplies,	5 26	
A. C. Dana,	"	1 50	
J. L. Hammett & Co.,	"	4 80	
Ellen Butters,	librarian,	6 35	
G. H. Willoby,	repairing,	75	
Total,		\$827 59	

FOR TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS.

Paid Ed. P. Proctor,	198 days, at \$4.00,	\$792 00
John H. Tyler,	177 " " 2.25 and \$2,	375 75

Paid Alfred F. Everett, 177 days at 1.75,	309 75
Jeremiah Buckley,	14 75
Mary Buckley,	4 00
Elsie F. Brown,	7 40
Wm. Greenup,	2 10
C. C. Tufts,	10 10
Mary E. Woodward,	21 60
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Total,	\$1,537 45

FOR MISCELLANEOUS SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Paid W. A. Wyckoff, secretary 1898-'99,	\$100 00
N. E. Newell, truant officer,	8 29
Silas W. Nickerson,	3 25
Anthony Connor,	2 50
Clara E. Nixon, librarian,	9 80
Ellen J. Butters,	4 95
Franklin Water Co., water tax,	37 50
Mrs. Waldo Daniels,	9 00
J. T. Hutchinson,	3 00
Ella G. Campbell,	3 00
Woonsocket E. L. & P. Co., lights,	30 91
N. E. Newell, school census,	30 00
E. D. Daniels, miscellaneous,	26 07
Wm. Dove,	5 45
Joseph Guild,	1 33
Benj. Bennett, labor,	2 40
Franklin Woodward,	45
L. W. Daniels,	12 50
R. B. Stewart,	1 00
K. R. Jewett,	14 64
C. W. Knowlton,	45

Paid John J. Stewart,	"	3 00
John Dunning,	"	4 25
F. E. Davis,	"	4 00
M. F. Conroy,	envelopes,	14 71
C. B. Johnson,	printing reports.	8 75
J. B. McKinnon,	supplies,	50
Razee & Son,	express,	3 20
A. C. Mason,	supplies,	8 15
G. I. Partridge,	rent Opera House,	16 15
F. W. Guild,	clocks and repairs,	3 25
Nellie Willard,	copying,	1 25
James F. Rose,	labor,	2 00
N. C. Nye,	supplies,	2 89
Alfred Farrington,	"	50
Peck & Field,	"	1 50
J. T. Leonard,	team,	1 00
W. H. Jackson,	repairs,	2 00
H. E. Ruggles,	collecting claims,	4 00
Road department,	gravel,	1 00
Total,		\$388 59

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Appropriated,	\$13,800 00
Received, school tuition and supplies sold,	172 56
" " " pauper children,	82 50
" dog licenses,	603 24
" income Mass. school fund,	205 51
Total receipts,	\$14,863 81
Expenditures,	14,827 17
Unexpended,	\$36 64

FOR ROADS, BRIDGES AND WALKS.

Paid Charles S. Rand,	48	days 6 hours,	\$121 67
Henry Clark,	312	"	520 00
Daniel Cody,	49	"	81 67
Peter Daley,	312	"	468 00
John Kane,	273 2-3	"	410 56
Wm. A. Weeks,	314	" 3 hours,	271 43
Michael Daly,	1	"	1 50
Eugene Fisher,	1	"	1 50
Wm. Redpath,	256	" 5 hours,	427 10
John Costello,	125	" 5 "	188 11
Parker Farr,	74	" 8 "	112 27
F. S. Streeter,	264	"	660 00
Jerry Marooney,	15	" 5 hours,	23 10
Wm. Rogers,	57	" 9 "	86 85
Joseph Landry,	205	" 4 "	308 11
F. S. Streeter, use of horse,			65 41
John Stewart, team,			139 40
Dennis Sullivan, self and team,			8 25
R. Hoarsma, labor,			19 50
Wm. Doherty, self and team,			16 40
Frank Tingley, labor,			15 40
George Allen, self and team,			15 30
M. Coakley, labor,			3 00
K. R. Jewett, watering street,			3 00
S. Smiley, gravel,			12 45
John Pettee, "			4 80
E. N. Pond, "			18 15
Ed S. Cook, "			5 00
John D. Hatch, blacksmithing,			66 66
George Knibb, repairs on harness,			16 65
R. A. Stewart, " and team,			121 30
F. A. Rogers, blacksmithing,			37 48
T. B. Allen, posts,			3 84
A. J. Newell, lumber,			3 90
James F. Ray, grain and use of barn,			77 48
O. F. Metcalf & Sons, grain,			245 52

Paid Jesse Darling, repairs on Hill,	4 60
Augusta Boucher, labor,	34 80
Adam Laundry, stone work,	36 38
Parker Farr, labor,	22 60
Franklin Water Co., water,	4 50
Frank Murphy, gravel,	8 80
W. S. Goodwin, blasting,	7 20
Albert J. Newell, planks,	18 00
Charles M. Tingley, mason work,	39 58
N.Y., N. H. and Hartford R. R., freight.	13 47
G. Warren Foster, labor,	3 30
F. S. Streeter, miscellaneous expense,	5 14
G. C. Fisher, hay,	59 35
M. J. Hart, stone,	2 00
A. C. Mason, supplies,	1 05
Hosie Bros., supplies, tools, etc.,	140 32
Darling Bros., stone,	75 60
John Bassett, labor,	2 20
James Ford, 27 hours of labor,	4 05
Wm. J. Irving, three mortar hoes,	1 50
T. H. Randall, nine loads gravel, at 5 cents,	45
H. A. Linderman, sharpening tools,	5 25
Ann Farrell, damage to land,	30 00
Clark & Gaskell, man and horse,	5 25
Arthur Keefe, hay,	24 30
F. M. Ballou & Co., concrete,	57 77
C. R. Gowen, labor,	12 75
Samuel C. Bourne, team,	50
F. E. Dudley, labor,	2 50
Pond & Tingley, 200 posts, at 10 cents,	20 00
A. C. Dana & Son, supplies,	4 58
School department, iron bar,	2 00
A. H. Morse Estate, gravel,	18 20
L. M. Daniels, three drag. plank,	3 00
Clark Machine and Foundry Co., grate,	39 26
Alfred Clark, Jr., expense to Milford,	2 50
Almshouse, hay,	38 78

Paid Removal of snow February, 1899,	1,001 65
Removal of snow other months of 1899-1900,	5 75
Total,	\$6,339 66

SUMMARY.

Appropriated,	\$7,000 00
Manure sold,	33 94
Balance unexpended,	694 28
Totals,	\$7,033 94

FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid John G. Cunningham, chief,	\$45 00
J. B. McKinnon, engineer,	25 00
George R. Peck, " 1898,	25 00
Edgar Metcalf, "	25 00
W. F. Buckley, "	25 00
Protectors' Hose Co. No. 1, 12 men,	240 00
Herdic Hose Co. No. 2, 10 "	200 00
J. G. Ray Engine Co., 25 "	500 00
Cataract Engine Co., 24 "	480 00
Emerson Hook and Ladder Co., 13 "	260 00
A. H. Austin, steward and repairs,	22 25
W. H. Smith, "	8 00
Harry Spence " and labor,	11 61
Woonsocket E. L. and P. Co., for use of whistle,	60 00
Woonsocket E. L. and P. Co., for lights and supplies,	28 75
Town of Medway, Dolan and canning shop fires,	61 75
Town of Medway, box mill and Woodland Park fires,	84 75
E. H. Sherman, col., 84 firemen's poll tax,	168 00

Paid Combination Ladder Co., 224 1-2 lbs. vitriol,	14 03
L. J. Kelley, carpenter work,	10 00
C. B. Johnson, blanks and ad.,	2 85
Hosie Bros., labor and supplies,	45 88
Albert C. Mason, supplies,	1 30
E. Lovell Metcalf, soda,	1 80
Dennis J. Feeley, poll tax,	2 00
J. S. Forster, watching fires,	3 00
G. H. Thompson, "	3 00
John Malloy, labor,	4 70
Daniel Buckley, Jr., "	6 00
Harry Granger, "	4 39
George H. Grant, "	3 25
Wm. E. Mosier, "	7 50
T. W. Halloran, "	34
John O'Donnell, "	85
D. Feeley, "	3 93
Fred Darling, "	5 00
Patrick Collins, "	2 08
James Courtney, "	75
John D. Hatch, repairs on hook and ladder,	3 50
Providence Combination Ladder Co., hose and fire ext.,	365 50
Wm. Redpath, police duty,	50
Winslow's Express, express,	4 00
O. F. Metcalf & Sons, lumber,	27 46
J. G. Cunningham handling hose and engine and miscellaneous,	28 10
T. B. Allen, wood,	5 50
H. Shumsky, handling hose,	18 50
J. T. Hutchinson, "	1 00
E. E. Paine, "	50
J. F. Leonard.	2 00
Bresnahan Grocery Co., "	1 00
Razee & Son,	3 00
Ellen Heaton, rent of land,	20 00
Inez L. Jones, housing hose cart,	15 00
George W. Stephens, repairs on fire alarm,	16 42

Paid George W. Willoby, " and services on fire alarm,	36 39
A. L. Pierce, repairs and services,	47 49
A. Haggart, coal,	14 00
J. B. McKinnon, supplies,	75
Total,	\$3,003 37

SUMMARY.

Appropriation,	\$3,000 00
Overdrawn,	3 37
Totals,	\$3,003 37 \$3,003 37

FOREST FIRES.

Paid Marshal Ackley,	\$2 50
John Byron,	1 50
Daniel Bishop,	50
T. J. Daniels,	1 25
F. H. Johnson and others,	5 00
Wm. F. King,	10 75
Edw. McFarland,	1 00
Albert J. Newell and others,	9 25
Henry McDowell,	75
Edw. P. Proctor,	75
George Plumway,	50
Carl B. Johnson, printing,	1 00
Total,	\$34 75

SUMMARY.

Appropriated,	\$300 00
Unexpended,	265 25
Totals,	\$300 00 300 00

FOR SUPPLIES AT ALMSHOUSE.

Paid N. B. Stone and wife, salary,	\$412 50
" " " cash and expenses,	219 93
Robert Rafers, labor,	18 50
Charles Smith, "	62 09
Charles Tingley, "	61 50
Peter Labardo, "	67 00
J. H. Whitehouse, "	37 00
M. Cook, "	132 60
Lottie Novels, "	45 00
Adam Landry, "	7 75
James Peel, "	18 00
Phil Joyall, "	3 67
George A. Allen, self and team,	8 00
Charles R. Gowen, carpenter work,	82 50
C. H. Corbin, mason work,	93 69
Charles M. Tingley, blasting,	12 84
North Packing Co., supplies,	3 13
A. B. Chilson, "	96 73
G. F. Swift & Co., "	9 09
E. E. Paine, fish,	37 85
C. L. Fales, supplies,	46 41
Bartlett Bros., butter and "	22 00
Ellis Bros., "	15 28
Oriental Tea Co., "	7 00
John A. Andrews & Co., "	24 95
Deland, Potter & Co., "	2 50
G. W. Fiske & Co., "	30 07
F. M. Richardson, "	234 49
W. K. Gilmore, "	44 50
D. P. Moran, shoes,	10 05
A. M. Haggart, coal and fertilizer,	184 78
L. M. Cheney, cow,	62 50
Harris J. Fellows, "	45 00
Vacuum Oil Co., oil,	2 00
O. F. Metcalf, grain and lumber,	419 12
H. S. Ward, cows, etc.,	83 75

Paid N. A. Daniels, cider,	4 10
Hosie Bros., repairs and supplies,	413 41
John Murphy, repairs,	27 50
L. J. Kelley, "	80 00
John McDermott, painting,	13 00
Andrew F. Leatherbee, lumber,	15 93
Carlisle, Pope & Co., door,	1 67
D. F. O'Sullivan, blacksmithing,	15 75
A. C. Dana & Son, medicine,	2 35
James F. Ray, grain,	269 30
Alfred Farrington, furniture,	40 82
Richard F. Harding, cow,	45 00
Marston Sanborn, dry goods,	81 03
Jos. Breck & Son, tools,	7 70
R. & G. Farquhar & Co., seeds,	5 20
Capree, Sprague & Co., naptha,	3 80
Spring Pond Ice Co., ice and supplies,	26 58
C. M. Allen, Craig Bill, manure,	16 00
A. C. Mason, medicine,	5 28
F. L. MacDonald, labor,	51 24
T. L. Martin, veterinary attendance,	1 25
G. A. Martin, medical "	63 25
Standard Oil Co., oil,	14 51
Howard W. Spurr, coffee,	24 51
John D. Hatch, blacksmithing,	5 80
H. J. Blake, pasture,	22 79
Henry R. Jenks, 36 sections and rivets,	3 60
George Knibbs, repairs, etc.,	9 00
G. R. Chase & Co., trees,	4 00
Wm. Mann, hay,	116 80
O. B. Carter, clothing,	42 30
O. T. Doe, pung, McNalley's sale,	7 50
Charles W. Sabin, harness,	11 25
O. L. Bullard, mowing outfit,	21 50
R. A. Stewart, repairs, etc.,	5 30
Road department, manure,	32 94
Total,	\$4,175 73

FOR POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

JOHN CAULDWELL FAMILY.

Paid cash allowance,	\$36 00
Solon Abbott, med. attendance,	8 50
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HATFIELD FAMILY.

Paid G. E. Emerson, supplies,	192 48
A. M. Haggart, coal,	3 50
Solon Abbott, med. attendance,	18 00
Martha Fecto, rent,	56 00
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L. H. MARSH FAMILY.

Paid D. W. Corson, supplies,	46 85
J. B. McKinnon, "	74 27
J. F. Ray, coal,	8 25
L. Metcalf, supplies,	9 83
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MRS. McCULLOCK.

Paid D. P. Moran, shoes,	1 00
O. W. Bugbee, coal,	3 50
G. A. Martin, med. attendance,	3 50
G. E. Emerson, provisions,	65 88
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F. DAVIS.

Paid G. A. Martin, med. attendance,	13 00	13 00
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F. BENNETT.

Paid G. A. Martin, med. attendance,	13 00	13 00
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HEATON.

Paid G. A. Martin, med. attendance,	50	50
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MRS. CHAS. CLARK.

Paid C. H. Randall, med. attendance,	13 30	13 30
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TOOTHACKER.

Paid A. M. Haggart, coal,	60	60
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PAUL RICHARDSON.‡

Paid J. F. Ray, coal,	3 25	
G. E. Emerson, supplies,	60 75	
A. J. Gallison, med. attendance,	8 50	
O. Bugbee, coal,	13 00	
F. M. Richardson, supplies,	25 50	
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MARTHA WHITE.

Paid G. A. Martin, med. attendance,	28 75	
A. D. Whiting, rent,	10 00	
H. Fisher, "	3 00	
J. G. Cunningham, moving,	4 00	
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J. MADDEN.†

Paid G. E. Emerson, supplies,	25 32	
F. M. Richardson, "	17 31	
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ADDIE JILLSON AND SISTER.*

Paid cash allowance,	96 00	96 00
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A. SULLIVAN.

Paid G. A. Martin, med. attendance,	16 50	16 50
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F. SNOW.

Paid G. A. Martin, med. attendance,	16 00	16 00
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ROSE PHILLIPS.

Paid G. A. Martin, med. attendance,	1 00	1 00
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L. PISANE.

Paid G. A. Martin, med. attendance,	1 00	1 00
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ELIZA BOYLES.

Paid G. E. Emerson, supplies,	1 24	
McCabe & Cody, "	39 95	
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GRANT CHILD.

Paid O. T. Doe, guardian,	10 50
A. J. Gallison, med. attendance,	17 00
D. P. Moran, shoes,	3 75
Anthony Connor, expense,	2 00
Mrs. Skinner, care,	8 00

	41 25

WILLIAM JESSUP, JR.

Paid A. B. Chilson, supplies,	9 23	9 23
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REPETHUNE BELAND.

Paid State almshouse,	219 20	219 20
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KATE AND MARY QUINN.

Paid Solon Abbott, med. attendance,	10 00
Cash allowance,	20 00
A. J. Gallison, med. attendance,	10 00
J. B. Fitzpatrick, burial of child,	11 00

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WILLIAM STOCKER. §

Paid cash allowance,	32 57	32 57
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ELMER WILLARD.*

Paid cash allowance,	13 39
Mrs. Kate B. Matthews, care,	42 38
Mrs. A. F. Pendleton, "	2 00
C. M. Allen, milk,	2 60
Mrs. J. L. Moody, care,	5 00

	65 37

WILLIAM GEORGE.

Paid cash allowance,	120 00
C. M. Allen, milk,	26 41
G. A. Martin, med. attendance,	9 50

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MRS. PETER GEORGE.

Paid cash allowance,	120 00	120 00
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WILLIAM FISHER.

Paid cash allowance,	96 00	96 00
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H. DE MERRITT.

Paid Town of Walpole,	23	32
G. E. Emerson, supplies,	18	44
D. P. Moran, shoes,	3	00
Dr. Williams of Boston, medical attendance,	21	00
S.Y. Reed, clothing and expenses,	15	50
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JENNIE LA ROCK.

Paid Medfield Insane Asylum,	146	00	146 00
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ALFRED PHANEUF.

Paid Worcester City Hospital, care,	7	00	7 00
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MRS. MARY CODY.

Paid Worcester City Hospital, care,	37	00	37 00
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A. ADAM.

Paid City of Lynn,	84	00	84 00
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NELLIE LINCOLN.

Paid City of Boston,	23	00	23 00
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GEORGE RICH.

Paid Worcester Insane Asylum, care,	169	47	169 47
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PHILIP DOLAN

Paid Worcester Insane Asylum, care,	169	46	169 46
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BELLE METCALF.

Paid Worcester Insane Asylum, care,	86	35	86 35
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W. F. RIBERO.

Paid Westboro' Insane Hospital,	41	32	41 32
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MARY McDONALD.

Paid Westboro' Insane Hospital,	165	75	165 75
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JAMES SEXON.

Paid Worcester City Hospital,	6	00	6 00
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CHARLES W. BLAKE.

Paid Town of Wrentham, care,	82 25	
D. P. Moran, shoes,	3 45	
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MRS. J. GILMORE.

Paid Town of Wrentham, care,	184 00	184 00
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KATE CODY.

Paid J. B. McKinnon, supplies,	200 19	200 19
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SHAW.

Paid A. M. Haggart, coal,	3 50	3 50
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JOHN HUSSEY.

Paid D. W. Fisher, care,	19 25	
Team to farm,	75	
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		20 00

J. D. FISHER.

Paid C. M. Butman, rent,	108 00	108 00
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A. SUSIER.

Paid Orrin Bugbee, coal,	3 25	3 25
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MRS FRED McCORMIER.

Paid cash allowance,	48 00	
A. J. Gallison, med. attendance,	14 00	
Mrs. King, care,	10 00	
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		72 00

HATTIE DESPER.

Paid A. J. Gallison, med. attendance,	2 00	2 00
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JANE JACKSON.

Paid G. E. Emerson, supplies,	30 34	
C. D. Albro, med. attendance,	48 00	
J. F. Ray, coal,	13 00	
O. Bugbee, "	28 00	
E. K. Ray, rent,	66 00	
T. B. Allen, wood,	2 50	
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		187 84

MRS. McCORNELL †

Paid E. K. Ray, rent,	48 00	48 00
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GEORGE GRANGER.

Paid C. J. Fales, supplies,	11 00	
D. P. Moran, shoes,	4 50	
	— — —	15 50

MRS. KINGSLEY.

Paid McCabe & Cody, supplies,	46 67	
J. F. Ray, coal,	3 25	
	— — —	49 92

W. F. DUNTON.

Paid P. Connelly, rent,	1 25	
C. L. Fales, supplies,	3 00	
A. Boyce, med. attendance,	7 00	
J. B. McKinnon, supplies,	3 00	
	— — —	14 25

L. HAWKINS.

Paid G. E. F. Young, care,	7 88	
G. E. Emerson, supplies,	8 37	
A. E. Farrington, burial,	18 00	
Edw. D. Blake, "	4 00	
D. W. Fisher, care,	14 00	
T. B. Allen. wood,	3 25	
	— — —	55 50

E. A. MORSE.

Paid L. R. Whitaker, rent,	18 00	18 00
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JOHN REILLY.

Paid F. M. Richardson, supplies,	57 75	
H. M. Bullock, rent,	28 00	
O. Bugbee, coal,	3 25	
	— — —	89 00

SAVAGE FAMILY.

Paid Town of Milford, aid,	5 45	
Thos. J. Curley, med. attendance,	182 00	
	— — —	187 45

MRS. STEWART.

Paid J. F. Ray, coal,	6 50	6 50
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A. B. BOYLES.

Paid M. P. Boyle, board and care,	17 14	17 14
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MRS. W. ROLLINSON.

Paid G. E. Emerson, supplies,	15 30	
F. M. Richardson, "	34 86	
		50 16

MRS. E. DANIELS.

Paid G. E. Emerson, supplies,	2 33	
J. G. Cunningham, team for moving,	20 00	
		22 23

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid S. Y. Reed, expense,	14 00	
G. E. Emerson, expense and blanks,	8 58	
A. J. Gallison, med. aid, lock-up,	2 00	
		24 58

JOHN HENRY.

Paid E. F. Ware, team to funeral,	3 50	3 50
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WILLIAM BENNETT.

Paid A. J. Gallison, med. attendance,	7 50	7 50
Cash allowance,	7 50	
		15 00

MRS. TEBEAULT.

Paid G. E. Emerson, supplies,	73 72	73 72
Total expenditures outside poor,		\$4,303 20
" " at almshouse,		4,175 73

* Paid by Town of Wrentham.

† Paid by Town of Medway.

‡ Paid by Town of North Easton.

§ Paid by Town of Walpole.

|| Paid by Town of Wakefield.

SUMMARY.

Appropriated,	\$6,000 00
Received Town of Wrentham,	184 00
" " Wakefield,	20 00
" " Walpole,	100 00
" " Medway,	116 57
" " North Easton,	71 14
Town farm produce sold,	1,532 05
 Total receipts,	\$8,023 76
Overdrawn,	455 17
 Totals,	\$8,478 93 \$8,478 93

FOR POLICE.

Paid Anthony Connor, services,	\$551 37
Wm. Redpath, special,	123 83
D. W. Fisher, "	3 00
Wm. G. Cody, "	2 50
Walter Lovelace, "	4 50
F. L. Davis, "	28 25
J. T. Hutchinson, "	22 50
Chas. R. Gowen, "	22 00
Woonsocket E. L. and P. Co.,	
lights,	24 33
A. E. Farrington, quilt,	2 25
J. G. Cunningham, team,	3 00
Hosie Bros., supplies,	35
G. C. Dauphinee, labor and supplies,	3 89
Est. A. H. Morse, rent of lock-up,	56 25

	\$848 02

FOR SUPPRESSION OF ILLEGAL LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

Paid Anthony Connor,	\$78 00
Silas W. Nickerson,	523 10
D. W. Fisher,	3 00
Charles E. Baldwin,	9 00
Herbert A. Bent,	23 25
J. T. Hutchinson,	1 50
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Total expended,	\$1,485 87

SUMMARY.

Appropriated,	\$1,500 00
Unexpended,	14 13
Totals,	\$1,500 00 \$1,500 00

FOR PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

Paid C. B. Johnson, town reports, '99,	\$196 00
" for assessors,	34 30
" " selectmen,	12 25
" " miscellaneous,	79 20
Wright & Potter, for assessors,	2 50
M. R. Warren & Co., supplies,	5 25
Wheelock & Davis, rebinding and tax books,	22 00
W. H. Carr, bill heads,	2 50
A. H. Bartlett, "	5 10
	—————
Total expended,	\$359 10

SUMMARY.

Appropriated,	\$375 00
Unexpended,	15 90
Totals,	\$375 00 \$375 00

FOR PAYMENT OF NOTES.

Paid Thomas D. Blake, high school note,	\$2,200 00
Appropriated,	\$2,200 00
Totals,	\$2,200 00 \$2,200 00

FOR TEMPORARY NOTES.

Borrowed and paid account taxes:

J. J. McCarthy,	\$250 00
Franklin National Bank,	17,500 00
Total,	\$17,750 00

FOR INTEREST.

Paid Thomas D. Blake, high school note,	\$297 00
Franklin National Bank, note,	549 99
Benjamin Franklin Savings Bank, note,	101 67
King David Lodge, I. O. O. F., note,	80,00
Total expended,	\$1,028 66

SUMMARY.

Appropriated,	\$1,300 00
Unexpended,	271 34
Totals,	\$1,300 00 \$1,300 00

FOR MISCELLANEOUS TOWN EXPENSES.

Paid Thorpe Martin Co., treas. book,	\$2 18
Fred L. Davis, District Court fees,	8 07
Anthony Conner, " " "	77 87
Joseph G. Ray, rent and heat of room,	115 00
Lewis R. Whitaker, posting warrants,	12 00
M. F. Conroy, postage stamps,	9 98
Farrington & Gushee, death warrants,	12 75
J. B. Fitzpatrick, " "	63 08
A. C. Dana & Son, miscellaneous,	4 12
N. E. Newell, expenses,	15 07
Orestes T. Doe, registrar,	5 25
" recording births, marriages and deaths,	81 70
George I. Partridge, Opera House,	20 00
H. A. Bent, District Court fees,	52 47
Estate of A. H. Morse, rent of lock-up,	37 50
C. B. Johnson, advertising,	10 50
O. F. Metcalf & Son, window shutters,	5 41
E. L. Burdakin, making list of deeds,	15 00
M. R. Warren, blanks,	2 00
P. B. Murphy, dog blanks,	1 75
District Court fees,	5 25
Franklin National Bank, stamps and check balance,	5 00
S. W. Nickerson, District Court fees,	88 57
Henry R. Jencks, insurance,	60 00
William G. Cody, District Court fees,	9 96
Charles E. Baldwin, " " "	2 58
H. C. Dimond, engraved seal,	24 00
Albert H. Martin, ballot clerk,	5 00
H. E. Ruggles, case of James McFarland,	35 00
Henry Troenmer, brass weight,	50
William M. Comey, mowing City Mills Cemetery,	10 00
Carter's Ink Co., ink,	2 20
M. J. Costello, ballot clerk,	6 00

Paid Woonsocket E. L. and P. Co., lights, select-	
men's room,	50
P. A. Woodward, teller,	3 00
G. A. Martin, return 43 births,	10 75
A. J. Gallison, " 48 "	12 00
N. C. Nye, ballot clerk,	3 00
Alfred Clark, Jr., boarding windows on schoolhouse,	2 00
J. W. Desmond, registrar and teller,	17 50
John B. Collins, "	10 50
B. M. Rockwood, "	16 25
W. S. Johnson, teller,	3 00
D. M. Hodge, board of health,	25 00
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Total expended,	\$909 26
Appropriated,	\$850 00
Fines in criminal cases,	549 04
Unexpended,	489 78
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Totals,	\$1,399 04 \$1,399 04

TO REIMBURSE CARL B. JOHNSON.

Paid Carl B. Johnson,		\$100 00
Appropriated,	\$100 00	<hr/>
Totals,	\$100 00	\$100 00

FOR CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

Paid F. M. Ballou, sidewalks and road,		\$394 42
Appropriated,	\$400 00	
Unexpended,		5 58
Totals,	\$400 00	\$400 00

FOR REPAIRS UNION STREET CEMETERY.

Paid N. Y., N. H. and Hartford R. R.,	
freight,	\$83 15
M. J. Hart, cartage and stone,	241 95
Darling Bros., stone,	54 66
Adam Laundry, labor,	393 25
Hosie Bros., cement,	107 90
John D. Hatch, blacksmithing,	10 50
Alfred Clark, expense to Milford,	2 50
 Total expended,	 \$898 91
Appropriated,	\$500 00
"	400 00
Received cash for fence,	12 50
Unexpended,	18 59
 Totals,	 \$912 50 \$912 50

FOR GENERAL SEWER PLANS.

Paid John W. Ellis, plans of general system of sewerage,	
Appropriated,	\$300 00
Totals,	\$300 00 \$300 00

FOR HIGH SCHOOL SEWER.

Paid J. J. McCarthy, contractor, labor and supplies,	
Taunton Locomotive Works, man-hole,	\$206 83 7 50

Paid Hosie Bros., labor and supplies,	27	33
John W. Ellis, plans and supt.		
construction,	25	00
Total expended,		\$266 66
Appropriated,	\$300	00
Unexpended,		33 34
Totals,	\$300	00
		\$300 00

FOR WATER FOR HYDRANTS.

Paid Franklin Water Co.,		\$4,040 00
" " " laying drain		
from fountain to sewer,	8	53
Total expended,		\$4,048 53
Appropriated,	\$4,040	00
Overdrawn,	8	53
Totals,	\$4,048	53
		\$4,048 53

FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid George W. Wiggin, trustee,		\$700 00
Appropriated,	\$700	00
Totals,	\$700	00
		\$700 00

FOR MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid Edwin A. Mason for Post 60,

G. A. R.,		\$100 00
Appropriated,	\$100 00	
Totals,	\$100 00	\$100 00

FOR ABATEMENTS AND COLLECTION OF TAXES.

Paid E. H. Sherman, col., 1 per cent. com. on
warrant for 1897—\$46,936.29,

\$469 36

E. K. Ray,	real est. 1897 tax,	15 39
Joseph F. Fitzpatrick,	" 1899 "	30 00
Heirs of John Canney,	" " "	7 50
Abbie L. Wadsworth,	" " "	4 88
Mary A. and Lottie Pond,	" " "	6 00
Patrick Gorman, poll and	" " "	6 50
Peter and Robert Bradley,	" " "	7 50
Wm. A. McKean,	" " "	15 00
E. K. Ray,	" " "	22 05
L. W. Milliken, tax,		27 00
Heirs of John Farrell,		4 50
Wm. Mann,	real est. 1898 tax,	3 20
Davis Thayer,	" " "	40 00
Franklin Water Co.,	" " "	8 80
Fred H. Johnson,	" " "	3 20
Emma Wight,	" " "	4 80
J. G. Ray,	" " "	43 60
Various persons, poll and personal estates,		235 44
Total expended,		\$954 72
Appropriated,	\$1,000 00	
Unexpended,		45 28
Totals,	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00

FOR TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid J. Cushing Gallison, selectman,	\$100 00
Horace W. Hosie, "	75 00
Hiram Whiting, "	75 00
Geo. E. Emerson, overseer, bal. '97 and '98,	225 00
Hiram Whiting, "	75 00
Samuel Y. Reed, " half year,	37 50
Henry R. Jencks, treasurer 1898,	250 00
Nelson E. Newell, "	125 00
" clerk, six months,	25 00
" auditor,	50 00
William F. King, inspector,	105 00
G. A. Martin, board of health,	50 00
Wm. Rockwood, assessor,	140 00
Jas. O. Chilson, "	187 50
 Total expended,	 \$1,520 00
Appropriated,	 \$1,520 00
 Totals,	 \$1,520 00 \$1,520 00

For further amount paid town officers see Miscellaneous Town Expenses, page 49.

FOR STREET LIGHTS.

Paid Woonsocket E. L. and P. Co., 12 months,	\$3,734 13
Appropriated,	\$3,820 00
Unexpended,	85 87
Totals,	\$3,820 00 \$3,820 00

FOR MILITARY AID.

Paid Pliney A. Holbrook, 12 months,	\$240 00
Geo. A. Kingsbury, 5 "	20 00
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	\$260 00

FOR STATE AID.

Paid Celestia Ballard, 12 months,	\$48 00
Benjamin K. Bennett, 12 "	36 00
Seth Blake, 12 "	48 00
Jane Blake, 12 "	24 00
John M. Burr, 12 "	36 00
Mary Burr, 12 "	48 00
Margaret Carr, 12 "	48 00
Julia Casey, 12 "	48 00
Cornelius Curran, 12 "	48 00
Elsie C. Day, 12 "	48 00
James Garland, 12 "	48 00
Henry W. Heaton, 12 "	48 00
Clara D. Jordan, 12 "	36 00
Susan F. A. Jeffords, 7 "	28 00
Helen M. King, 12 "	48 00
Katherine Kane, 10 "	40 00
Wm. Lowell, 12 "	48 00
Jeremiah McCarthy, 8 "	32 00
Rosilla Newcomb, 12 "	48 00
Michael O'Sullivan, 7 "	28 00
Warren C. Parker, 12 "	72 00
Sarah A. Ribero, 3 "	12 00
George H. Scott, 12 "	48 00
Annie E. Taft, 12 "	48 00
Jas. S. Toothacker, 12 "	72 00
Charles Thompson, 12 "	48 00
Geo. W. Thompson, 12 "	48 00
Jas. W. Wilkinson, 7 "	28 00
Daniel W. Whiting, 3 "	12 00
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	1,224 00
Total expended,	<hr/>
	\$1,484 00

SUMMARY.

Appropriated,	\$500 00
Received from State :	
Burial of soldiers,	35 00
Military aid,	120 00
State aid,	1,233 00
Unexpended,	4 04
Totals,	\$1,888 00 \$1,888 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.**MRS. MARGARET CARR.**

Paid Hart & O'Donnell, groceries,	\$48 00
W. L. Palmer, coal and wood,	31 50
Thomas O'Riley, rent,	60 00
	————— \$139 50

JOHN M. BURR.

Paid for aid,	144 00	144 00
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BENJAMIN BENNETT.

Paid F. E. Osborne, groceries,	130 00
James F. Ray, house rent,	48 00
Orrin Bugbee, coal,	9 75
	————— 187 75

SETH BLAKE.

Paid James F. Ray, coal,	3 25
Orrin Bugbee, "	7 00
W. A. Pond, wood,	4 50
	————— 14 75

P. HOLBROOK.

Paid G. A. Martin, med. attendance,	20 25	20 25
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MRS. BULLARD.

Paid Orrin Bugbee, coal,	3 50	3 50
Total expended,		<u><u>\$509 75</u></u>

SUMMARY.

Appropriated,	\$500 00
Received cash, account of	
Mrs. Carr,	48 00
Unexpended,	38 25

FOR STATE AND COUNTY BANK TAXES.

Paid County tax,	\$2,738 10
State tax,	1,725 00
National bank tax,	1,336 20
Total expended,	<u><u>\$5,799 30</u></u>
Received for Corporation tax,	\$2,175 21
Bank tax,	236 69
Total received,	<u><u>\$2,411 90</u></u>

ALMSHOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN.

DR.

To personal property approved Jan.	
31, 1900,	\$4,332 32
Interest on farm, etc., 4 per cent.,	176 00
Cash paid from treasury,	4,175 73
	<u><u>\$8,684 05</u></u>

ALMSHOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN.

CR.

By personal property appraised Jan.	
31, 1899,	\$4,403 10
Sales from farm,	1,532 05
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Net cost at almshouse,	5,935 15
Net cost of outside poor,	\$2,748 90
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Total net pauper expense,	2,511 66
	—————
	\$5,260 56

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The accounts of the treasurer and original vouchers on which moneys have been paid from the town treasury for the year ending January 31, 1900, have been examined and found correct, and the foregoing account is a true statement of same.

I wish to thank the various officers for the prompt action in sending in their reports, which has greatly facilitated the matter of printing.

PALMER A. WOODWARD,
Auditor.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN

ASSETS.

Cash in treasury February 1,	\$3,310 55
Due on 1899 taxes,	11,790 28
" from State—Military aid,	130 00
" " " State aid,	1,224 00
" " " and towns, pauper act,	552 45
" on sewer assessment,	3,300 00
" cash and bills due at almshouse,	250 00
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Total,	\$20,557 28

OF FRANKLIN, FEBRUARY 1, 1900.

LIABILITIES.

NELSON E. NEWELL,
Treasurer.

WARRANT

For the Annual Town Meeting, March 5, A.D. 1900.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

NORFOLK, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Franklin,

GREETING:

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the qualified voters of the Town of Franklin to assemble in their town hall on Monday, the fifth day of March, A.D. 1900, at seven o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

ARTICLE 1. To choose by ballot a Moderator to preside over said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To choose by ballot the following town officers for the year ensuing, viz.: Three Selectmen, a Town Treasurer, a Town Clerk, an Auditor, three Assessors of Taxes, three Overseers of the Poor, a Collector of Taxes, a member of the Board of Health for three years, one School Committee for three years, and three Constables, all to be voted for upon one ballot; also upon the same ballot to vote upon the question: "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquor in this town?"

ARTICLE 3. To choose a Tree Warden for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 4. To choose all other necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will hereafter choose its Tree Warden by the use of the official ballot.

ARTICLE 6. To see in what way and manner the town will collect its taxes the current year.

ARTICLE 7. To hear a report of the town officers and act thereon.

ARTICLE 8. To see what action the town will take in relation to a pound.

ARTICLE 9. To vote a suitable number of names of persons into the jury box for the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to borrow such sums of money in anticipation of taxes for the current year as may be necessary to meet the current expenses.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors in town for the current year.

ARTICLE 12. To see what sums of money the town will appropriate and raise for the repairs of roads, bridges and sidewalks; for the support of schools, including the salary of a Superintendent and the transportation of scholars; for repairing school-houses, for school books, supplies and miscellaneous school expenses; for the support of the poor; for the support of the Fire Department; for water supply; for street lights, for the payment of the town debt and interest; for the payment of town officers; for the abatement and collection of taxes; for printing and stationery; for the suppression of illegal liquor traffic; for payment of police; for State and military aid; for support of the library of the Franklin Library Association; for the decoration of soldiers' graves; for soldiers' aid; and for miscellaneous town expenses.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will appropriate any and what sums of money to construct concrete sidewalks in town, or do anything relating thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To hear a report from the Selectmen on guideboards, and act thereon.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will authorize the School Committee to employ a Secretary at a salary not to exceed \$50.

ARTICLE 16. To see what rate of interest the town will fix to be charged on taxes after December 1st next.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to require the School Committee to employ a Superintendent of Schools, or do anything relating thereto.

ARTICLE 18. To hear the report of any committees chosen at previous town meetings, and act thereon.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to sell the engine on Pleasant Street, or do anything relating thereto.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$250 for repairing the furnace in the William M. Thayer Schoolhouse, or do anything relating thereto.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$100 for lettering the Horace Mann and William M. Thayer Schoolhouses, or do anything relating thereto.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the town will vote to sell the South Franklin and Northwest Schoolhouses, or do anything relating thereto.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the town will accept the report of the committee appointed last year to draft a by-law relating to the so-called "curfew regulation," and adopt such by-law, or do anything relating thereto.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate fifty (50) dollars, to be expended under the direction of the Tree Warden in the care and planting of shade trees in the public grounds, or do anything relating thereto.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the town will vote to establish and maintain an incandescent or arc light at the corner of Oak and Church streets, or do anything relating thereto.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$100 for the purchase of a working set of weights and measures, or do anything relating thereto.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the town will vote to establish and maintain an electric arc light at or near the cemetery gate on Union street, or do anything relating thereto.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the town will vote to exchange lands with George C. Dauphinee in the rear of the schoolhouse at the Four Corners, or do anything relating thereto.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the town will vote to consider a proposition to allow the extension of the water supply of the Franklin Water Company to the village of Unionville, or do anything relating thereto.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the town will appropriate any and what sums of money to improve the Common, or act or do anything relating thereto.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the town will appropriate any and what sums of money to repair the guideboards and erect new ones, or act or do anything relating thereto.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the town will vote to appropriate any and what sums of money to grade and otherwise improve that part of the Franklin Cemetery owned by the town at or near the corner of Central and Union streets.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the town will ratify the sale of the Williams gravel pit as made by the Selectmen.

The polls may be opened at 7 o'clock A. M., and may be closed at 11 o'clock A. M.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk on or before hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-second day of February, A. D. 1900.

J. CUSHING GALLISON,
HORACE W. HOSIE,
ALFRED CLARK, JR.,
Selectmen of the Town of Franklin.

HONORABLE JOSEPH G. RAY.

DIED FEBRUARY 24, 1900.

The lamented death of our distinguished townsman removes the last of the remarkable trio of Ray brothers from our midst.

Their far-reaching influence and that of their immediate descendants is an integral part of the history of our town. To their unflagging energy, business capacity and unfailing liberality are largely due its prosperity and growth.

Public enterprises, schools, churches and private operations alike felt the power of their sagacity, foresight and wonderful financial ability. No public enterprise or institution today exists in our vicinity in which their capital is not largely invested.

The entire inhabitants of the town—without regard to political, religious or social distinctions—join in one common sorrow over the departure of these honored citizens of the town.

Their example is a beacon light and their fame perpetual.

J. C. GALLISON,
H. W. HOSIE,
ALFRED CLARK, JR.,
Selectmen of Franklin.

FRANKLIN MEN IN SPANISH WAR.

Following is a record of the men in this vicinity who served in the Spanish war or subsequently in the United States service:

CHARLES HENRY BASSETT.

Enlisted in Company L, Ninth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, at Natick, as wagoner, May 10, 1898; sworn into regular service at Camp Alger May 31, 1898; sailed for Cuba June 24, 1898; landed at Siboney June 26; reached the front by forced marches the evening of the same day and was in the assault on San Juan hill. Discharged with regiment July 15, 1898.

CHARLES E. GREEN.

Enlisted May 8, 1898, in Light Battery A, Rhode Island Volunteers; was acting sergeant. Discharged October 26, 1898. Re-enlisted October 28, 1898, in regular army—Battery F, Second Light Artillery.

PAUL HEYWOOD.

Enlisted June 14, 1898, in United States Navy, on the Wabash. Discharged at Charlestown navy-yard October 3, 1898.

WILLIAM H. McMASTERS.

Sergeant in Tenth Company, United States Signal Corps, Captain Thomas F. Clark, Tampa, Florida.

JAMES M. MORRISSEY.

Enlisted June 17, 1898, in Company M., Sixth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers; served in Porto Rico. Discharged January 21, 1899.

JACOB SCHAEFER.

Enlisted May 13, 1898, in Eighteenth Regiment, infantry, United States regular army; served at Manilla. Discharged August 23, 1899.

VALENTINE SCHAEFER.

Brother of the above, also served in the navy.

RALPH TAFT.

Enlisted June 14, 1898, in United States Navy; served on
the Wabash. Discharged October 3, 1898.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

.... OF THE
Town of Franklin,
MASSACHUSETTS,
FOR

THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31,
1900.

COMMITTEE:

WILLIAM A. WYCKOFF,	Term Expires March, 1900
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Report of School Committee.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

In accordance with a time honored custom, and at the behest of the State Laws of Massachusetts, I submit to you, and through you to the citizens of Franklin, the ninth annual report of your Superintendent of Schools. In the first place I wish to thank you for your loyal support of the schools, and for the sacrifice of time and leisure for which the majority of you receive no compensation whatever, except the consciousness of a duty well done. The report is both a history of the past year and a program for the future. It deals primarily with the schools, and its scope is the limit of the schools' influence. The jurisdiction of the public schools is approximately thirteen years. The influence of the school ends not with the life of the individual. The school is not a preparation for life. It is life, and enters in different degrees into all life's relations. Hence the sphere of such a report is the limits of life. The public school is not separate from, but a resultant of, and ought to stand in intimate relation with, the family, the church, society and the state. The duty and privileges of the latter two end not with appropriating taxes for the public schools. Neither can the former two be in any sense opposed to the schools without serious harm and loss to both themselves and the schools. Indeed the time is coming when the schools, public, private, sectarian, the church and all forces that tend to lift man above a brute existence must work in perfect harmony. Because of the local conditions and the presence in our midst of other schools offering together all grades of instruction, the public schools must enter into relation with

them. The relation desirable is the friendly rivalry to excel. To attain that excellence the public schools must receive more liberally in the future the public the money, and inspiration of your visits and criticisms.

In recording the history of last year's progress, few conditions below the Horace Mann are in themselves worthy of note. No experimenting with untried methods has been done. All the schools are in as good or better condition than that of last year, with the exception of the City Mills school. The condition here arises from the lack of technical training on part of the teacher, and not from the want of devotion or interest in her work. During the winter term the resignation of Miss Emily F. Morse, for many years a most helpful teacher at the Arlington school, was received. Miss Mabel Gilmore was appointed for the remainder of the year. In spite of one or two serious mistakes arising wholly from inexperience, her work was excellent. Nevertheless it did not seem wise to the school officials to appoint to a permanent position in so important a school one with no professional training. Miss Margaret M. Sullivan, a graduate with honor from the Horace Mann and from Bridgewater Normal, was elected to this position. The election has not given satisfaction to all. Nevertheless it was both merited and just; merited because of the higher scholarship of the appointed; just, because of the two years of scientific preparation at Bridgewater Normal and one year of successful service at the City Mills school. Teaching is much more than imitating. In view of the diversified foreign elements in the room, the school is in good condition, which alone justifies the vote.

In June one of the teachers in the Wm. M. Thayer School was not re-elected. Her successor, Alice H. Fernald, a graduate of the Worcester High and Normal, is having excellent success in thorough, honest service. It is not the show-exercises that count in a true education, but daily faithfulness and truth-living.

Education, even in the lowest grade, is far more than entertainment, however pleasant that may be. The first years are critical, not only to lay the foundations for all sub-

sequent growth, but what is more important, to give the right bent to the pupil's mind. In all our grades there are pupils from destitute homes, pupils both dirty and vicious. It is not a part of a true teacher to endeavor to force them from the school, but by her own excellence and conduct raise such pupils to higher living. In September, owing to the crowded condition in Miss Connor's room, it seemed best to assign some ten of her pupils to Miss Fernald. In one room there were fifty-two and the other twenty-two. This was not an even division of labor. Later this same term the numbers in Miss Fernald's room had so increased by the addition of pupils newly arrived in Franklin that the class assigned to her from Miss Connor's room was again returned to Miss Connor. This changing during the year is very unsatisfactory to teachers, superintendent and parents. There is but one satisfactory remedy—another teacher. This of course means additional expense for the taxpayers, but as the town, and especially Unionville, grows we shall have to face the question of one or two additional teachers for next year. Better results can be attained in classes of not over thirty pupils. Many superintendents plan to assign but twenty to a teacher. Many of our rooms enroll over forty-five and a few over fifty pupils.

Last June one other teacher had not given perfect satisfaction, but after a long delay it seemed best to continue her services.

It is an oft-repeated truism that the future of Franklin is in her schools today. If the town is to attain greater prosperity in the future, if the sons are to maintain that which the fathers so well began, great is the obligation resting on the teachers. Teaching is at best thankless service, and the salary is in no sense an adequate compensation for the faithful teacher. The salaries paid to the Horace Mann teachers compare very favorably with the average salary in the State; that of the lower grade teacher does not, and while I plead for an increase in their pay I would also urge the encouragement of more frequent visits and of uttered approvals on your part.

The Monday evening teachers' meetings have been continued with increased attendance and interest. The subject this last year has been Herbart.

At the fall meeting of the New England Superintendents' Association, Superintendent Balliet of Springfield, speaking of the enrichment of the grammar schools, indorsed the plan followed in the Horace Mann for the last two years in substantially such words: "Where the local conditions of distance and number of pupils per room are right the best interest can be conserved by the elimination of the eighth and ninth grammar grades as such, and by the consolidation of these pupils in one building as an integral part of the High School." It is gratifying to know that our plan, opposed by a few unthinking ones, is advocated by this, the ablest superintendent in Massachusetts.

In the first and second forms of the Horace Mann the work this year has been similar in scope to that of last year. In the first, Mr. Wilkins' room, the foreign language study is elective. At the beginning of the year all the pupils voluntarily chose either Latin or German. To avoid repetition and delay the new arrivals have been denied this choice. The only serious opposition to the plan arose from those who understood neither the plan, the educational value of the different subjects nor the possibilities of child life. The use of any language, even the mother tongue, is artificial and imitative. It is very difficult to attain habitually correct usage. The mastery of English, composed as it is of so many foreign elements, is aided by the study of another language. A study of the child's mind has recently revealed that the two epochs in life best adapted for acquiring speech are in infancy and pubescence. If at the latter age the demand of the child's mind is not satisfied by suitable courses of study, children invent for themselves a secret language. Such a condition existed in the room three years ago and infected the minds of nearly all the children. Without discussing the question from a moral standpoint, it did reveal a craving on the part of the children's minds not satisfied by the course. The principal arguments, however, for foreign language study are its disciplinary value, if rightly taught, and its aid in the mastery of perfect English. The habit, also, of looking intently at words and sentences is of great value.

In view of the above it is instructive to witness in a larger way what is being done elsewhere, to compare the relative importance of the studies that are standing the test of experience, not merely in Franklin or Massachusetts, but in the whole of the United States.

In the Educational Review for October, 1899, Professor West compiles from authentic statistics the following for the period from 1889—1898 :

STUDIES.	PER CENT. OF INCREASE.	ENROLLMENT IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.
Latin	174	1889-90,
History (except in the United States).....	152	297,894 pupils enrolled.
Geometry.....	147	
Algebra.....	141	
German.....	131	1896-98,
French.....	107	
Greek.....	94	554,814 pupils enrolled.
Physics.....	79	
Chemistry.....	65	Gain, 86 per cent.

By secondary schools is meant High Schools and Academies of corresponding grades. The number of pupils have increased 86 per cent.; the number studying Latin 174 per cent. The so-called practical studies—physics and chemistry—have not even held their own, but have fallen behind 7 and 13 per cent.

Again, you admit that foreign language is good, but do not wish your child to study it. We follow in questions of health the expert physician's advice, in things spiritual the pastor's, but in things educational, where vital interests also are at stake, we are slow, very slow to yield our own whims to the judgment of experts in matters of education.

In the higher forms of the Horace Mann we were very fortunate to secure the services of Ruth E. Hubbard, a graduate of Boston University, who had also taught two years. Her success is most gratifying. She is progressive and thorough in her work and very loyal to all that is best. The work in her departments—mathematics and commerce—is of a very high standard. Miss Anne L. Judd, a graduate of Wellesley College '99, was also secured. Her specialty is the German department and also as instructor in history. Her success and

loyalty to the school is most commendable, especially when you realize that for months she received no salary whatever from the town. By means of her services we were enabled to divide the lower class, numbering thirty, into two divisions. This division is eminently wise. Pupils differ not so much in their choices as in their power of thinking quickly and deeply. It is unjust to retard the bright ones because of the slower, or to crowd the slower ones and permit them to skim over the work, mastering none. It also permitted more systematic work in English and the extension of this course to all classes. This department is in charge of Miss Whiting, and, though it is still experimental, it is in parts very fine. The work in history is closely allied with English, and is now taught in four years instead of two.

Stunted and dwarfed are the minds of our boys and girls when they leave school at the end of the grammar grade with a knowledge, insufficient at best, of only American history. "It must be said that he who knows only American history does not at all know that history," much less teach it. "The profounder our study of ourselves," says Professor Sloane, "the stronger will grow our conviction of the organic relation between our own history and that of the world." "American history is in the air—a balloon sailing in mid-heaven—unless it is anchored fast to European history. It is no more true to say that American history began in 1492 than it is to say that a man's life begins when he goes into business for himself. A new stage of development in each country is marked by these events, and the development of Europe on the New World soil is but a corresponding one. America, like Europe, is an heir to all the ages, and the American boy has a right to enter into his inheritance. A man with this lack of preparation may enter Congress and legislate on financial matters in absolute ignorance of the history of finance; he legislates on labor questions with no knowledge of the agrarian difficulties at Rome, the peasants' rebellions of the Middle Ages, or the national workshops of Louis Blanc. He legislates gold standard educators out of office in the West and silver advocates in the East, not knowing that for four hundred years Luther and

Warlburg have stood for the independence of judgment and the search for truth. Not only is he lacking in the actual knowledge that history affords, but he lacks still more that mental training that history gives in analysis, comparison, classification, and in holding the judgment in suspense until all sides of a question have been presented."

In the report of last year your superintendent at some length discussed the advantages of manual training and recommended its adoption. I am sure that sooner or later it will come. It is for you to decide whether it be this year or not till later. It is no new or untried plan. Below is a summary of the advantages gained by manual training after a trial of the system for twelve years in St. Louis:

- (1.) Larger classes of boys in grammar and high school.
- (2.) Better intellectual development.
- (3.) More wholesome moral education.
- (4.) Sounder judgment of men and things and living issues.
- (5.) Better choices of occupation.
- (6.) Higher degree of material success, individual and social.
- (7.) The elevation of many of the occupations from the realm of brute unintelligent labor to positions requiring and rewarding cultivation and skill.
- (8.) The solution of color problems.

Further, a room in the basement of the Horace Mann could be fitted up, or at even less expense a room at the Nason School could be used. The total expense for benches, tools, materials and the services of an expert teacher could be kept within \$900.00 for the first year, and subsequent expense would be but little more than the teacher's salary.

"A keeper in Sing Sing prison was asked how many of the prisoners had been trained to any useful trade or business. His reply was: 'Not one in ten.'

"John Adams when a boy did not like Latin grammar, and wanted to stay away from the academy; so his father set

him at ditching on the farm. After a day or two he was willing to study Latin. His father proposed work at home or work at school. The result of such training made him one of the pillars of the republic and the successor of Washington as President of the United States.

"The early life of eighty-eight of the leading men of Springfield, Mass., was inquired into, and it was found that only five were not in early life trained to regular manual labor. Nearly every one had been a hard-working boy."

There are some eleven high schools in Massachusetts reporting courses in rhetoricals and five with courses in elocution. The Horace Mann is one of the five. This demands eight periods a week of one assistant's time out of a possible thirty periods. The value of such a course is seen in the excellency of the graduation last June and in the improved health and better bearing of the pupils. Without a sound education as a basis, such courses lead to superficiality and insincerity. As a complement to severe and protracted study it is one of the very best courses offered in the school. Personally we should be very loath to omit it from the school, but its continuance and the maintenance of the other departments at their present high standard demands the present quota of paid teachers. In the best high schools the principal does but little teaching. His time is of more value in inspecting, suggesting and directing the other teachers. In a neighboring town, where the principal is also superintendent, he has but five periods a week of teaching. In Franklin the principal had thirty periods last year, and this year twenty-three teaching exercises per week. The assistants could also do more effective work if they had one period a day free. At present all the assistants except Miss Judd are at work each period. In September the principal had five more open periods a week, which were used for the greatest advantage in organizing the school. This is in no sense a complaint at the amount of work, for the principal enjoys teaching, but it is not a wise or an economical use of his time.

My manufacturing friend tells me: "There are many kinds of cotton waste—nearly fifty." When he talks about

cotton waste I cannot understand what he means until I know all that he knows about cotton waste and in just the same way. Again, the expert electrician, while discussing his occupation, is "talking all Greek" to me unless I am as expert in electricity. This law is true of all branches of knowledge. To understand or appreciate a teacher one must have taught. Criticism is the act of comparing given results with the standard. Only one who has mastered the standards can rightly criticize. Any one can find fault, but rarely is it just or helpful. A little knowledge is dangerous unless that little leads the possessor to strive for more. I read Kant's "Critique of Pure Reason," perhaps the hardest book to understand ever written, an hour, a day, a week, a month without understanding any of it and throw the book away in disgust. I have not criticized the book, but it has weighed me in the balance of pure reasoning and found me wanting. I read "David Harum" a minute, an hour, five hours. The book is finished and found delightful. Again I have not criticized the book, but the book has weighed me and found in me a sense of humor, of justice and of duty. So in life the acts we criticize are silently weighing and placing us.

Again, criticism to be helpful must be given in a kindly spirit and received as such. I feel that I have been of much more assistance to the younger teachers simply because they held their minds in a receptive attitude, while some of the more experienced teachers, hedged about with former successes, have repelled such help. Indeed, one teacher, criticized by an official because of a trivial mistake, lost her temper. Can such conduct be evidence of a desire to improve and a high consecration to duty?

"Do the teachers complain of the work?" Yes, some who are not prepared for the grade or quality of the work. "Is the work too hard?" You wish for a good high school, of a rank comparable to the best in the State. That can be attained only by paying the cost—self-denial and hard study. The average student cannot devote much time to social amusements without serious loss; or, if he is fitting for the better colleges—Harvard, Yale or Radcliffe—without the failure of "conditions."

Below are statements from the principals of three of the best schools in Massachusetts. Compared with them we are deficient in both quantity and quality.

The following opinions are received in reply to a letter containing these questions :

(1.) How many subjects requiring home preparation is the greatest number that ought to be taken at one time in the various years of the high school course?

(2.) What is the maximum number of periods of forty-five minutes per week requiring preparation that ought to be exacted in the various years?

MOSES MERRILL, Boston Latin School.

In the early part of a four years' course the preparation of two lessons or subjects may be reasonably required for home study. Later on three may be required, but the tasks should be somewhat shortened. Not more than three hours' study should be expected.

On the above basis twenty periods of prepared work may be required during the greater part of the course—one lesson to be learned each session in school. The foregoing answers are based on the supposition that your questions relate to a session of five hours for five days a week, and to boys and not to girls.

PRINCIPAL D. S. SANFORD, High School, Brookline, Mass.:

It is the rule in our school to require fifteen recitations of prepared work. The average student is probably carrying eighteen periods of prepared work, and in addition to this the attention devoted to art, music and physical training gives him an aggregate of twenty-four exercises per week. In a circular letter sent to the parents this fall we stated that the school demanded the following amount of home preparation for the various classes :

Fourth class, one and one-half to two hours; third class, two to two and one-half hours; second class, two and one-half to three hours; first class, two and one-half to three hours.

PRINCIPAL FRED W. ATKINSON, High School, Springfield,
Mass. :

By reference to our courses of study you will see that your first question cannot be answered in a general way. The number of subjects requiring home preparation should vary with the strength and ability of the individual pupil as far as a public school course can allow. In this school parent, pupil and principal concur in deciding what the work of each pupil for the year shall be, as you can see from the inclosed blank card filled out by each pupil at the beginning of the school year. On page 7 of "Courses of Study" you will find a more detailed answer. For the average pupil two and one-half or three hours of home study daily after a single school session are sufficient.

Our recitation periods are forty-five minutes long, and the minimum number of prepared recitations a week in the four years is as follows: First year, fourteen and one-half; second year, thirteen; third year, fourteen; fourth year, fifteen. In each year two more hours of either unprepared or prepared work are required in addition to the above required hours. This allows the average pupil to elect music, drawing, singing, if desired. Most of our pupils carry more hours of work than this minimum, and the maximum is decided by the strength and ability of the pupil, as mentioned above.

Journal of Education.

Years ago a boy visited a bookstore kept by an old man in New York. The aged salesman took unusual interest in the boy and showed him many quaint and rare volumes. One day he said to the boy: "What do you intend to do when you are a man?" Startled by the unexpectedness of the question, the boy replied, without thinking: "I wish to do good." "Go on, my boy," the old man said; "prepare yourself to do good. Do it, but don't expect to have many friends." The boy grew, passed through school and college and was trained by difficulties to be self-reliant and to do his own thinking regardless of cost. The advice and prophecy of the old man

unconsciously went with him. It is pleasant, very pleasant for any servant, though he be an official, to have the uttered approval of those whose interests he serves and conserves. But such approvals are accidental and temporary. There are higher obligations resting on a school superintendent than mere personal popularity with any class, be it ever so favored. Last spring it was the plain duty of your superintendent not to recommend the election of a certain teacher. The duty was plain and it was performed.

The superintendent begs to state that he has never recommended for non-election or dismissal any teacher for any other motives than for the good of the schools. Incompetency and unfaithfulness cannot be tolerated. No one has any moral right to teach or wish to teach in the public schools unless he can be perfectly loyal to all the interests of the public schools and their officials at all times and in all places. No one can honestly serve the public schools for five hours, and other interests, be they ever so attractive, nineteen hours a day.

Formerly the three r's—reading, (w)riting and (a)rithmetic—were considered enough for a fit education. The world has grown much wiser. "New occasions teach new duties." These narrower limits for education are passed. But for the perfect man the modern three r's in education are also deficient. For our nervous life refinement, reserve and repose are recommended as a standard by certain self-appointed leaders who, attaining success, wish to deter others. And smaller souls imitate what they fail to understand. Such a standard for ideal manhood is incomplete. As a supplement to right living in an age when all are in all points equally free they are ornamental. But as long as there is any inequality in life or character or rank they are pernicious. As long as any man is in bondage financially, politically or socially to another fellow-man they are harmful and tend to increase rather than relieve such a bondage. Recall the great servants of the past—men who, catching a far-off glimpse of the truth, were willing to risk their all for that truth; men who have been the real benefactors and leaders of the ages. Do you speak of the refinement of Luther, of Columbus, of Abraham

Lincoln, of Moody? The smallness and roughness of the man is lost sight of in the greatness of the mission. Do you think of the reserve of Christ, of Peter, of Loyola, of Booker T. Washington? The energy, the devotion to duty, the love for fellow-man led these heroes in their times to overstep the artificial barriers of a nice but degenerate propriety. Do you weigh the repose of Michel-Angelo, of Cromwell, of Garibaldi, of Garrison? No, eternally no. Art in its place is good. I believe in it and in art education, and have welcomed heartily elementary courses in the schools. Their chief end in the school is not the beautiful, but to interpret and make more attractive the good. As a complement art adorns life, but it never can take the place of truth and right. "No one, indeed, can successfully uphold the idea that a high development of art in any shape is of necessity coincident with a strong growth of religion or moral conviction. Perugino made no secret of being an atheist; Leonardo da Vinci was a skeptic; Raphael was an amiable rake. And those who maintain that art is always the expression of a people's religion have but an imperfect acquaintance with the age of Praxiteles, Apelles and Zeuxis."

Will these art standards—refinement, reserve and repose—implanted in the hearts of our youths develop them into men who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, quenched the violence of fire, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens? Are there no contests today demanding loyalty to truth and a courageous honesty without guile? What of ignorance, of poverty, of intemperance, of sin? All life that thinks and feels has been and can continue to be only as the product of struggle and pain. Teach the youths, then, to endure hardship like a good soldier. These standards, essentially selfish, are but a half-truth, and to hold such ideals only before the youths for their imitation is to rob them. Meanwhile the greater ends of truth, of loyalty to duty because it is duty, of service to mankind, are all forgotten and untaught. In a somewhat varied experience of twenty years I have never met a person professing such standards for his life who was

essentially honest. The idea that grace of body must breed real grace of spirit or life is false. The world has witnessed the great crime perpetrated in the name of justice—the Dreyfus trial—by that nation graceful, polite—aye, the very arbiter of the world's elegance. Then, in place of these half-truths I would nail to the mast as right ideals for the public school to instil into youthful minds—sense, sincerity and service. Sense, that an economic use of public funds demands that youths be trained in the public schools in the special courses for which they are best adapted; that it is wrong to spoil a good mechanic to make a poor minister; that manual labor is both noble and ennobling; that it is our duty to teach the youths to reverence home and to fit themselves for its duties and privileges. Sincerity, that honesty, unswerving honesty—though it be an old-time virtue—is the greatest end; that to fail honestly is better than to win dishonestly; that a lean purse and an honest heart is better than a full purse and a dishonest heart; that riches, social position, fame, power are as nothing compared with honesty. Service, that the chief end of man is not to see how many lives he can make contribute to his happiness; not how much of that which the world calls good he can win for himself and wrest from others; not how far he can lift himself up by thrusting others down; not how exclusive he can be, but how broad and inclusive his help may become; that the individual may choose for himself without fear or favor not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give his life for others; that though he has all knowledge and all wealth and all power and has not the charity that leads to service, he is nothing but a clog in the great world's progress; that living for self he dies with self, but living honestly to serve—not his friends merely, but mankind—his influence shall go on unendingly through the ages yet unborn.

" Love thyself last; cherish those hearts that hate thee;
 Corruption wins not more than honesty.
 Still in thy right hand carry gentle peace,
 To silence envious tongues. Be just and fear not;
 Let all the ends thou aim'st at be thy country's.
 Thy God's and truth's; then if thou fall'st,
 Thou fall'st a blessed martyr."

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST DARWIN DANIELS, A. M.,
 Superintendent 1893—1900.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE CITIZENS OF FRANKLIN:

Since the duties of the School Committee have almost wholly to do with the financial part of the school business, your committee have deemed it wise this year to only call your attention to that part of the school work, leaving the report of the schools as a whole to the superintendent.

The town appropriated for the support of schools last year thirteen thousand eight hundred dollars (\$13,800); we have received from the State, dog licenses and tuition from scholars outside the town about one thousand and sixty dollars (\$1,060), making a total of fourteen thousand eight hundred and sixty dollars (\$14,860) placed in the hands of your committee to be used for school purposes.

We have expended for teachers' salaries, fuel, repairs, janitors, transportation, etc., fourteen thousand eight hundred and fifty-five dollars (\$14,855). For the various items of these expenditures we respectfully refer you to the report of the town treasurer.

ESTIMATES AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

In the near future the school at Unionville will be very much larger than at present, owing to the increase in business in that village; that being the case, it will be necessary to have an assistant teacher for that school. We therefore recommend that the sum of fourteen thousand one hundred dollars (\$14,100) be appropriated by the town for school purposes this year.

The furnace in the William M. Thayer school building is very much out of repair and allows the gas to escape into the schoolrooms. We have stopped the leakage of gas to some extent, so that the furnace will probably run this season; but next summer it will have to be thoroughly overhauled and

repaired. The Smead Furnace Co. have examined the furnace and estimate that it will cost two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) to put it in good repair. We therefore recommend that the town appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) for that purpose.

At a previous meeting the town voted to name the School Street schoolhouse The William M. Thayer School, and also to name the high school building The Horace Mann High School. We therefore would recommend that the town appropriate one hundred dollars (\$100) for the purpose of lettering those buildings, and place the direction of such work in the hands of the School Committee.

As it is very probable that the schoolhouse at South Franklin and also the Northwest schoolhouse will never again be used for school purposes by the town, we therefore recommend that they be sold.

Respectfully submitted,

AMBROSE J. GALLISON,
For the Committee.

REPORT OF COMMERCIAL DEPT.

FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

The report of the commercial department will of necessity cover only the time since my official connection with the school.

The work of the last term has been as follows: A senior course in phonography, five hours a week; junior courses in bookkeeping, ten hours a week, and in commercial arithmetic, five hours a week. Toward the end of the fall term a course in economics or political economy was substituted for

commercial arithmetic. This will include a glance at economic history, study of the processes involved in the production, distribution and exchange of wealth, and the teaching of the historical development of such processes with a view to the understanding of present industrial conditions.

Recently, also, a new course in bookkeeping has been introduced, one which, this last autumn, has been placed in the Boston high schools.

It is as practical as a system can be outside of the business where it is used. Printed bills of goods, orders and vouchers of all kinds pass through the students' hands; entries are made from them and they are then filed or otherwise properly disposed of. It is believed that the painstaking student cannot fail to obtain from this course a practical knowledge of the principles of double-entry bookkeeping.

Concerning the course of study in the commercial department I desire to say a few words. I would earnestly recommend that the technical work in bookkeeping and phonography (so long as these courses are, as at present, one year in length) be preceded by two years of study similar to that arranged for students who are pursuing other high school courses, including history, mathematics and a maximum amount of English.

The thoughtful person must, I believe, recognize the importance of such requirements. A few years ago the business world was flooded with stenographers atrociously ignorant except in the mechanical knowledge of shorthand and typewriting. Then came a reaction; business men demanded assistants with mental development sufficient to enable them to use judgment as well as mechanical skill in the office, and the salaries of many stenographers already in the field fell to less than six dollars a week.

The high schools responded to the new demand, and are now turning into the business world young men and women who have a high school education besides the technical training of their special department. Of high schools offering a commercial course, the Central High School in Philadelphia is an acknowledged leader. In that course English, history, mathematics (algebra, geometry, trigonometry) and modern

languages occupy a prominent place. Stenography and book-keeping are two-year courses. In Worcester, Mass., also, the study of English appears in each of the four years and mathematics and history in the first two; stenography appears in the second, third and fourth years of the course, and bookkeeping in the third and fourth.

Shall not we aim to graduate from the commercial department—as we do already from the other high school courses—students who, first of all, know how to use the English language correctly, both orally and in writing; who have a “speaking acquaintance” with the great events in the world’s history, and who have had some discipline in those studies that specially strengthen the reasoning faculty?

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH ELIZABETH HUBBARD.

REPORT OF ENGLISH.

During the past few years the subject of English in secondary schools has been thoroughly discussed by almost every educator in the land. Higher institutions of learning have sent forth an appeal for better English courses in the lower schools.

We are confronted with two questions: What is the aim in the study of English? and, How shall we reach this end?

One writer has said that “the beginning and end of the study of literature is to open the mind to beautiful thoughts.”

“All our dignity consists in thought.”

“A man is as his ideals.”

The study of literature inspires the pupil with noble ideals of conduct and of beauty, and thus develops character.

With this end in view, last September the course of English in the Horace Mann High School was remodelled. The study now extends throughout the entire course, with three recitations a week.

During the first two years we aim to enrich the pupil's vocabulary, to create a taste for the good and the beautiful, and to enable him to use simple, correct English in speaking as well as in writing. During this period ideals and models are furnished by Whittier, Longfellow, Irving, Franklin and Hawthorne. A short course in the study of the great artists is also offered.

During the last two years we seek to cultivate and to develop the moral and æsthetic sense. Literature, ever ready with her noblemen, gives us further ideals in Lowell, Burke, Macaulay, Webster, Chaucer, Shakspeare, Milton and Tennyson.

Besides the regular work a supplementary graded course of reading has been prepared. Each pupil writes a report of what he reads.

Little if anything can be said of the result. The teacher of English must have faith and wait for the progress of years. Oliver Wendell Holmes says that in order to be a good English scholar one must have had three grandfathers who spoke good English. If this thought is considered from the standpoint of a fellow-teacher who remarked, after a discouraging hour spent with an English class, "Have good courage, you may be starting one of those grandfathers," the instructor will feel a new strength and put more zeal and patience into those hours when, with his pupils, he struggles with the complexities of the mother tongue; the horizon will widen and a new light dawn.

"Let us labor, then, to think well; that is the principle of morality."

Our individuality is the result, more than we realize, of circumstances and of influence. Our natures respond to impressions made upon them. Much depends upon the air we breathe, the environment by which we are surrounded.

Many pupils end their school days upon leaving the high school. It is for this institution, therefore, to furnish a pure atmosphere and to create a healthful environment which shall develop and make strong the lives which are soon to go forth and take their places in the world.

GRACE C. WHITING.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING

The following report of the drawing in the Franklin schools for the past year is respectfully submitted:

The aim of drawing in our public schools is not to make artists of average students, but rather to cultivate the powers of observation, appreciation, imagination, accuracy, reasoning and last, but not least, the ability to represent.

The work of the primary grades includes form study, modeling and paper-cutting. Brushes and ink have been used very effectively for nature-drawing and composition.

Simple perspective rules are begun in the intermediate grades in connection with model drawing; and magazine illustrations, etc., are studied to find these rules applied. Color boxes have been furnished for two of the buildings, and add much to the pleasure of work in design as well as from nature.

In the high school we have some effective landscape work in monochrome—blue or black—designs for plaids, for iron-work and for initial letters.

Figure-drawing, wherever we have attempted it, has met with much interest on the part of the pupils and some very good results.

The work of the teachers' class last spring was very satisfactory, and at their request it was continued for awhile this fall, besides the regular teachers' meetings.

In all the grades the work seems to compare favorably with that of previous years, and in some I see a decided gain. The lesson periods are often too short for completing work. Especial care should be taken to have materials ready before the lesson. I should suggest more drills on terms used in drawing and in finding measurements.

Limited funds are a drawback in many ways. More casts are needed for charcoal drawing, more and better instruments for mechanical work, and books and plates on historic ornament, without which the best work in design cannot be obtained. The primary schools are without colored paper for cutting and color study.

I wish, also, that we might have the Perry pictures for study and to illustrate art in correlation with history and geography. A few of the teachers are using these pictures, but I think at their own expense.

I think each pupil might begin in the lowest school to fill a little portfolio of his very own. For four cents a year he might have at the end of his course at least fifty of the best pictures, a knowledge of some of our greatest artists and of how to judge a picture.

Goethe says that every one should contrive each day to hear some good music and to look at a beautiful picture, as well as to speak a few sensible words. Surely if the great classics in literature are worthy of study, so also are the classics in art, for "Art begins where literature ends."

ADRA R. MASON.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

The supervisor of music would present the following report:

The usual amount of time and attention has been given to music during the past year and many excellent results have been obtained.

Holidays have been observed by the selection of songs appropriate to each occasion. On Parents' Day each grade represented the methods employed in its individual room. The sixth and seventh grades furnished special music for Memorial exercises in May. The music rendered at the graduating exercises of 1899 by a chorus selected from the high school was worthy of special mention.

The seventh and eighth grades were prepared in September for the music used in the ninth year, and it was arranged that daily drill be given in the high school room, uniting these classes. This is a success and a steady improvement has been seen. The fourth, fifth and sixth grades are doing excellent work and have a much higher rank than in previous years; this may be due to new methods and plans of the supervisor.

In the primary classes the work is not as uniformly advanced; owing to sickness some have made less progress, while others have already gained about two months, which is unusual. The children are eager to do individual singing, and each voice is heard by the supervisor several times during the year.

Many beautiful songs have been taught. Special note is made of the sweetness of voice and correctness of expression. Examinations have been given during the year by varied methods.

December 22 the friends were invited to see and hear all branches of study. Choruses, quartettes, duets and solos were rendered, indicating the care devoted in this direction that the mere *reading* of music should be but the means to the end.

Regular teachers' meetings have been faithfully attended. The director would extend her thanks to the teachers and superintendent for their ever ready support.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. LIZZIE TREEN HOSMER.

January 12, 1900.

REPORT ON EIGHTH GRADE.

JANUARY 19, 1900.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND PARENTS:

The course of study in the eighth grade remains the same with the exception of an additional study—German—which has been introduced as an elective instead of Latin.

The aim has been to give a practical turn to all lines of work. In arithmetic and geometry especial attention has been given to actual examples in business life. In history an attempt has been made to study all questions from the “world-state” point of view, to efface narrow and selfish conceptions of historical accounts and to teach independence of thought. In all other studies as well, effort has been made to develop original thought, to lead out and strengthen individual traits of mind and character, and to give each pupil sufficient confidence to judge his work effectively and accurately.

The school life up to this time has been *formative*, largely, and dependent on authority, while this grade seeks to transcend this idea and to *inform* and to grant freedom of thought and action. In most cases the change produces good results.

There are two hindrances to good work in the grade:—
(1) The withdrawal of many pupils (over 14 years of age) who consider that they have finished(?) their education; (2) the many absences of this class of pupils who are excused by law from further attendance. Irregularity of attendance and lack of study caused thereby will demoralize any school.

As a whole, the work is progressing favorably, the interest is intense and there is a *healthy* development. To maintain this standard the pupils must have *plenty of sleep*, have regular habits and give *less* attention to outside amusements which waste their time and energy.

The question for *every* parent to decide is—whether his child shall become a well-balanced, healthy, moral citizen, or a spineless, society creature without aim or ambition. The school alone cannot do this work.

An educated person is one who sees the *relative value* of all things.

Yours, respectfully,

FRANK H. WILKINS, A. B.

THE WM. M. THAYER SCHOOL.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE, FRANKLIN:

At the opening of the school year in September it was most gratifying to the teachers to note that the interior of the William M. Thayer School had been receiving the attention of the committee on repairs. Although the rooms were put in much better condition than they have been in a number of years, very much yet remains to be done before they will present a cheerful and attractive appearance.

I desire in a few words to call your attention to the most important needs of the building. The floors and blackboards are in such poor condition as to need replacing. Besides this all the woodwork in each room should have two coats of paint. The ceilings in some of the rooms need repairing and the walls ought to be tinted with some soft color that would form a good background for pictures. I would recommend some means of lighting the upper rooms, two cabinets for the primary and sixth classes, and a closet for the drawing materials.

It would add much to the happiness and well-being of the pupils and teachers if the rooms were adorned. Teachers are realizing the power of a beautiful picture in the classroom. Its very presence has a softening, refining influence over the roughest nature.

In speaking of the care of the building I am pleased to

report that it is kept clean, so far as sweeping is effective in the matter. I am convinced that school floors should be thoroughly washed and school walls carefully brushed much oftener than is now the case. If we consider the amount of passing in and out in all kinds of weather that goes on at our schoolhouses it will become evident that the matter of thorough cleaning should have much more attention. The best of sweeping only changes the location of much of the dirt that thorough washing removes. In proof of this statement we have only to glance at the school furniture after a sweeping.

The need of more generosity in supplying the teachers with the materials such as I have described in my former recommendations is still as pressing as ever. It may be economy to limit the teachers in the quantity of paper used, but do the practical results of this economical system prove that a larger quantity and a better quality of work have been accomplished by the school?

In my last report I called your attention to the unsatisfactory condition of the furnaces. Is it considered safe to have the coal gas escaping into the rooms? It seems to me that the welfare of the pupils of the William M. Thayer School is of sufficient importance to warrant an immediate investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

ISABEL M. REILLY.

SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR HALF-YEAR CLOSING JAN. 31, 1900.

The reduction in period reported is occasioned by a change in the State law.

SCHOOL.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Whole Number of Pupils Enrolled.	Average Number of Pupils belonging.	Average Daily Attendance.	Number of Tardinesses.	Number of Visitors.
Horace Mann....	Ernest D. Daniels.....	158	143.20	137.0	31	63
	Grace C. Whiting.....					
	Ruth E. Hubbard.....					
	Clara E. Ham.....					
	Anne L. Judd.....					
	Frances E. King.....					
Wm. M. Thayer..	Frank H. Wilkins.....					
	Isabel M. Reilly.....	51	47.10	44.7	3	28
	Charles F. Frazer.....	52	46.96	42.8	15	28
	Lucy B. Connor.....	61	46.80	43.2	17	34
Nason.....	Alice H. Fernald.....	50	37.30	33.5	33	37
	Theresa D. Lewis.....	52	44.20	41.5	11	21
	Pearl L. Jacobs.....	57	46.97	44.7	20	24
Brick.....	Lucy E. Tower.....	35	34.40	29.5	17	16
	Rebecca Dunning.....	32	27.40	24.9	16	24
Four Corners....	Bertha H. Hood.....	54	37.50	34.3	17	96
Arlington	Margaret M. Sullivan.....	51	39.50	36.1	30	24
City Mills.....	Mary E. Bright.....	22	18.40	14.3	16	13
Unionville.....	Bertha E. Ellis.....	33	27.40	24.0	6	50
	Totals.....	708	597.13	550.5	232	458
	Percentage of attendance, 92.2.					
	<i>Special Instructors.</i>					
<i>Districts</i>	Mrs. Lizzie Treen Hosmer.....	Music				
	Miss Adra R. Mason.....	Art				
<i>Transported.</i>	<i>Drivers.</i>					
	Mount	Alfred F. Everett.....				
	North Franklin..	Ed. P. Proctor.....				
South Franklin...	John H. Tyler.....					

COURSE OF STUDY FOR THE HORACE MANN SCHOOL.

FIRST YEAR.	SECOND YEAR.	THIRD YEAR.	FOURTH YEAR.	FIFTH YEAR.	SIXTH YEAR.	SEVENTH YEAR.
						Electives
English Language Grammar Literature Spelling	English Grammar Literature Spelling	English History Greek & Roman till A. D. 800	English History Mediaeval	Rhetoric History English	Literature History United States Civics	from previous years.
History United States Citizenship	History United States	Manual Training	Manual Training			
Sciences Geography Physics	Sciences Geography Physics	ELECTIVES.	ELECTIVES.	ELECTIVES.	ELECTIVES.	
Mathematics Arithmetic Geometry	Mathematics Arithmetic Algebra	Music Drawing Elocution	Music Drawing Elocution	Music Drawing Elocution	Music Drawing Elocution	
Nature Observation Manual Training Music	Nature Observation Manual Training Music	Algebra	Geometry	Manual Training	Manual Training	
Penmanship Drawing Physical Exercise	Penmanship Drawing Physical Exercise	German Latin	French Greek Latin	Household Economy	Household Economy	
Electives Latin or German	Electives Latin or German	Penmanship Drawing Physical Exercise	Sciences Ph., Geography Zoology	French Greek Latin	French Greek Latin	
				Sciences Mineralogy Geology Botany	Sciences Astronomy Chemistry	
				Double Entry Bookkeeping	Double Entry Bookkeeping	
					Reviewed Solid Geometry Trigonometry.	

PROGR A M M E
OF THE
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF HORACE MANN HIGH SCHOOL,
CLASS OF '99,

MORSE OPERA HOUSE, WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 21, 1899.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

March.

CARRIE C. MASON.

Song, "On the Wings of the Morning," *from "Weber's Preciosa"*
CHORUS.

Prayer,

REV. DWIGHT M. HODGE.

Salutatory,

ELLEN D. WOODWARD.

Essay, "Advantages of a Preparation for Business,"
SARA B. COCHRANE.

The Spring Wild Flowers of Franklin,

LILLIE M. CHILSON.

Essay, "Glimpses of Roman Life in the Augustan Age,"
HARRIET M. SULLIVAN.

Song, "O Hark! the Merry Sound," *Arr. by H. A. MacDonald*
CHORUS.

Some of the Newer Developments in Chemistry,

With experiments by CLARA E. NIXON.

Class Prophecy, "From the Object,"

EMMA J. HOLMES.

Reading, "The Bishop and the Caterpillar,"

GERTRUDE M. ROSE.

"With Raphael," *Illustrated with Stereopticon*
ELLEN D. WOODWARD.

Interlude, Piano Solo,

CARRIE C. MASON.

Selected

Valedictory,

CLARA E. NIXON.

Presentation of Diplomas,

DR. A. J. GALLISON.

Song, "The Cuckoo Calls Us,"

Adam Geibel

Benediction,

REV. DWIGHT M. HODGE.

BE TRUE.

CLASS OF 1899.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

Emma Josephine Holmes,

Clara Elizabeth Nixon,

Gertrude May Rose,

Harriet Margaret Sullivan,

Ellen Dale Woodward,

* Anna Theresa Kelley.

SCIENTIFIC COURSE.

Lillie May Chilson.

COMMERCIAL COURSE.

Sara Bentley Cochrane.

* Partial Course.

TRUANT OFFICERS' REPORT.

FRANKLIN, MASS., Feb. 1, 1900.

To THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

During the year ending January 31, 1900, we have attended to thirty-five (35) cases of absence from school coming to our notice. No arrests have been made. In the more aggravated cases, with few exceptions, we believe the parents are more at fault than the children, either from indifference or failure to comprehend the injury to the child caused by non-attendance at school.

Respectfully submitted,

SILAS W. NICKERSON,

NELSON E. NEWEL,

Truant Officers.

FRANKLIN TOWN RECORDS.

FOR THE YEAR 1899.

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,
MARCH 6, 1899, AT 7 O'CLOCK A. M.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, NORFOLK, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Franklin:

GREETING:

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the qualified voters of the Town of Franklin to assemble in their Town Hall, on Monday, the sixth day of March, A. D., 1899, at seven o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To choose by ballot a moderator to preside over said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose by ballot the following named officers, viz: Three Selectmen, one Town Treasurer, one Town Clerk, an Auditor, three Assessors of Taxes, three Overseers of the Poor, one Collector of Taxes, three Constables, all for one year, and one School Committee for three years, one member of the Board of Health for three years, and one member of the Board of Health for one year to fill vacancy, to be voted for upon one ballot; and also upon the same ballot to vote upon the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquor in this town."

ART. 3. To choose all other necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 4. To see in what way and manner the town will collect its taxes the current year, and what rate of interest the town will fix to be charged on taxes after December 1st next.

ART. 5. To hear a report of the town officers and committees and act thereon.

ART. 6. To vote what action the town will take relative to a pound.

ART. 7. To vote a suitable number of names of persons into the jury box for the year ensuing.

ART. 8. To see if the town will establish an electric arc lamp at or near the corner of Oak and Church streets, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 9. To see if the town will vote to name the School street school house the Wm. Thayer school house.

ART. 10. To see if the town will authorize the school committee to employ a secretary at a salary not to exceed \$50 per year.

ART. 11. To see if the town will authorize the school committee to employ a superintendent of schools.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to increase the pay of members of the fire department from \$15 and poll tax to \$20, and poll tax per year, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 13. To see if the town will establish three electric lights on Grove street, Unionville, between the engine house and the mill of the Norfolk Woolen Company, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 14. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to put in a sewer on Main street from Emmons to Central street and on Dean Avenue, and provide a suitable outlet for the same, under Sections 4 and 7 of Chapter 50 of the Public Statutes, the abutters on line of said sewer to be assessed for the cost of said sewer and outlet.

ART. 15. To see if the town will take any and what action to construct and maintain a system of sewerage, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 16. To see if the town will order the ringing of a "Curfew Bell," so called, at eight o'clock in winter and nine o'clock in summer, or at any other specific hours respectively; give any instruction to its officers regarding the idling, without laudable purpose, or parental permission, on the public streets of children under sixteen years of age, or any other limit of age as may be fixed by the town, or do anything in relation thereto.

ART. 17. To see what sums of money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, including the salary of a superintendent and the transportation of scholars; for repairing school houses, for school books, supplies, salary of a secretary for the school committee, and miscellaneous school expenses. For the repairs of roads, bridges and sidewalks; for support of the poor; for support of the Fire Department; for a water supply for hydrants; for street lights; for the payment of the town debt and for interest; for the payment of town officers; for the abatement and collection of taxes; for printing and stationery; for the payment of police and suppression of illegal liquor traffic; for state and military aid; for soldiers'

relief; for support of the Franklin Library Association; for Memorial Day; and for insurance of town buildings and miscellaneous town expenses.

ART. 18. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year, as may be necessary to meet the current expenses.

ART. 19. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors in the town for the current year.

ART. 20. To see if the town will adopt Section eleven (11) of Chapter four hundred and eighty-one (481) of the Acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-four (1894), which provides as follows:

"With the exception of Boston, each city or town which has adopted Chapter two hundred and forty-three of the Acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two, or Section one of Chapter one hundred and four of the Public Statutes, or which adopts this section, may for the prevention of fire and the preservation of life, by ordinances or by-laws not repugnant to law and applicable throughout the whole or any defined part of its territory, regulate the inspection, materials, construction, alteration, and use of buildings and other structures within its limits, excepting such buildings and structures as are owned and occupied by the United States or the Commonwealth, and excepting also bridges, quays and wharfs, and may prescribe penalties not exceeding one hundred dollars for each violation of such regulations."

To see if the town will amend its by-laws as follows: No building or other structure now or hereafter erected upon or within the area bounded by Main, Emmons and Central streets, or upon or within five hundred (500) feet of said area, shall be used as a planing mill, saw mill, or box factory, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$400 for the construction of concrete sidewalks, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the repair of Pond street from Plain street to the Medway line, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 23. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for forest fires, as recommended by the engineers of the Fire Department in their report.

ART. 24. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen in regard to the removal of snow from sidewalks, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 25. To see if the town will raise and appropriate one hundred dollars to reimburse Carl B. Johnson for loss in printing the births, deaths and marriages in 1898, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 26. To see if the town will vote to pay Lucy A. Darling for the land taken to widen East street, on the northerly side thereof, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 28. To see if the town will buy about 600 feet of land adjoining McCarthy street, of Michael Doherty, to widen said street, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 29. To see if the town will take any and what action to repair the cemetery at corner of Union and Central streets belonging to said town, or do anything relating thereto.

The polls may be opened at seven o'clock A. M., and may be closed at eleven o'clock A. M.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk on or before the hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-first day of February, A. D.,
1899.

J. CUSHING GALLISON,
HORACE W. HOSIE,
HIRAM WHITING.

Selectmen of Franklin.

Upon the foregoing warrant the following return was made, viz:

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Franklin herein described to assemble in their Town Hall on Monday, the sixth day of March, 1899, for the purposes within mentioned, by posting attested copies of the within warrant in each of the post offices of the town, and in ten other public places, seven days before the day of meeting, in compliance with Section two of Article one of the By-Laws of the Town of Franklin.

LEWIS R. WHITAKER,
Constable of Franklin

A true record of the warrant and return thereon.

Attest: ORESTES T. DOE.

Town Clerk.

Proceedings of the Annual Town Meeting,

MARCH 6, 1899.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the aforesaid Town of Franklin, qualified to vote in town affairs, met at the Town Hall, in said town, on the first Monday of March, it being the sixth day of said month, A. D., 1899

The meeting was called to order at the time and place named in said warrant by the Town Clerk, who read the warrant and return thereon, after which Lester L. Burrington was chosen Moderator by ballot, in receiving which the check-list was used, and he was sworn by the Town Clerk.

Before the opening of the polls the Selectmen appointed Nathan C. Nye and Michael J. Costello Ballot Clerks, and they were sworn as such by the Town Clerk before receiving the ballots, and before the opening of the polls the Town Clerk delivered a bundle packed by him and sealed, as required by law, containing 1,100 official ballots, and 75 special official ballots for women, and the receipt of said Ballot Clerks was taken for said ballots.

The Town Clerk caused the cards of instruction and specimen ballots to be posted in each of the 12 marking shelves or compartments provided by the Selectmen, and a guard-rail was set six feet or more from said marking shelves or compartments, as required by law, and the cards of instruction, and specimen ballots were posted outside the guard-rail, according to law.

Voted, that article two (2) be acted upon next.

Voted, that the Moderator appoint a committee, consisting of fifteen legal voters, to consider the remaining articles of the warrant.

Voted, that when this meeting adjourns it be to Monday, March 13, at 7 o'clock, P. M., at Morse's Opera House.

Voted, that the polls be kept open until 4 o'clock, P. M., and then closed.

The ballot box, provided by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, used at the election, was publicly opened and

shown to be empty, and was examined by the Moderator and Town Clerk and found to be empty, and the register thereon was set at 000, and then locked and the key thereof given to Officer Anthony Connor, and the polls were declared open.

When the ballots were delivered to the voters by the Ballot Clerks, the check-list was used, and the name of each voter receiving a ballot was announced, and checked thereon by the Ballot Clerks; and the voter so receiving his ballot marked it at the marking shelf, or compartment, and then deposited his ballot in the box, as directed by the Moderator. The name of each voter so casting a ballot was announced in a loud and distinct tone of voice, and checked upon the check-list by the election officers in charge at said box and list.

The following persons were appointed Tellers by the Selectmen on the seventeenth day of February, 1899: Bradley M. Rockwood, James W. Desmond, both of whom were duly sworn by the Town Clerk on election day, and on said seventeenth day of February Nathan C. Nye and Michael J. Costello were appointed Ballot Clerks by the Selectmen, and said ballot clerks were duly sworn.

By unanimous consent of the election officers, the ballots were taken from the box, which registered two hundred and thirty-nine (239), at 10.20 o'clock A. M., and the counting of the ballots begun, and in said ballot box there were found to be two hundred and forty-two (242) ballots.

The polls were closed at 4 o'clock P. M., due notice having been given.

Then the register on the ballot box showed that six hundred and twenty-four (624) ballots had been cast therein, and the names checked on each voting list were then counted by the election officers in a distinct and audible voice, and the number checked on each list used for the men voters was six hundred and twenty-six (626), which was announced.

And the number on each of the check-lists used for the women voters were counted and found to be three on each, which was announced.

The number of ballots left at the close of the polls, de-

ducted from the whole number receipted for by the Ballot Clerks, showed 626 ballots delivered to the men who voted, and three ballots delivered to the women voters.

All the ballots cast by the voters as aforesaid were sorted, counted and declaration thereof made by the Town Clerk in open town meeting, as follows, viz :

For Selectmen :

Alfred Clark, Jr., had three hundred and ten—310.

John G. Cunningham had one hundred and ninety-one—
191.

J. Cushing Gallison had three hundred and nine—309.

Horace W. Hosie had four hundred—400.

Jeremiah J. McCarthy had two hundred and sixty—260.

Hiram Whiting had two hundred and twenty-seven—227.

Blanks, one hundred and eighty-one—181.

And said Horace W. Hosie, Alfred Clark, Jr., and J. Cushing Gallison were declared elected.

For Town Clerk :

Orestes T. Doe had five hundred and thirty-six—536.

Blanks, ninety—90.

And Orestes T. Doe was declared elected.

For Treasurer :

Nelson E. Newell had five hundred and eight—508.

Thomas S. Doherty had one—1.

Blanks, one hundred and seventeen—117.

And Nelson E. Newell was declared elected.

For Assessors :

Elisha P. Chapman had three hundred and ninety-five—

395.

James O. Chilson had three hundred and eighty-eight—

388.

Lawrence J. Kelley had three hundred and thirty—330.

William Rockwood had three hundred and forty-four—
344.

Blanks, four hundred and twenty-one—421.

And Elisha P. Chapman, James O. Chilson, and William Rockwood were declared elected.

For Overseers of the Poor :

Cyrus M. Allen had two hundred and seventy-one—271.

George E. Emerson had two hundred and ninety-one—
291.

James B. McKinnon had two hundred and three—203.

Samuel Y. Reed had three hundred and thirty-three—
333.

Fremont M. Richardson had three hundred and thirty-
seven—337.

Hiram Whiting had two hundred and eighteen—218.

Blank, two hundred and twenty-five—225.

And Fremont M. Richardson, Samuel Y. Reed and
George E. Emerson were declared elected.

For Auditor :

Palmer A. Woodward had five hundred and thirty-two
—532.

Blanks, ninety-four—94.

And Palmer A. Woodward was declared elected.

For Collector of Taxes :

Edward H. Sherman had five hundred and twenty-seven
—527.

Blanks, ninety-nine—99.

And Edward H. Sherman was declared elected.

For School Committee for Three Years :

Ambrose J. Gallison had four hundred and seventy-seven
—477.

Albert King had one—1.

Henry E. Ruggles had one—1.

Dwight M. Hodge had one—1.

Mancy M. Daniels had one—1.

Blanks, one hundred and forty-eight—148.

And Ambrose J. Gallison was declared elected.

For Board of Health for Three Years :

Gregory A. Martin had four hundred and ninety-two—
492.

Solon Abbot had one—1.

Blanks, one hundred and thirty-three—133.

And Gregory A. Martin, was declared elected.

For Board of Health for One Year:

Marston Sanborn had four hundred and seventy-five—
475.

Blanks, one hundred and fifty-one—151
And Marston Sanborn was declared elected.

For Constables:

William G. Cody had two hundred and one—201.

David W. Corson had two hundred and thirty-six—236.

Fred. L. Davis had three hundred and six—306.

Kervin R. Jewett had two hundred and forty-eight—248.

Silas W. Nickerson had two hundred and eighty-four—
284.

Lewis R. Whitaker had three hundred and thirty-eight—
338.

Blanks, two hundred and sixty-five—265.

And Lewis R. Whitaker, Fred. L. Davis, Silas W.
Nickerson were declared elected.

In answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for
the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" the town
voted:

Yes, two hundred and forty-six—246.

No, three hundred and seventeen—317.

Blanks, sixty-three—63.

And the Moderator appointed for the committee to con-
sider the remaining articles of the warrant, the following
named persons, viz: George W. Wiggin, J. Cushing Gall-
ison, Fred P. Chapman, Geo. E. Emerson, Joseph P. Bassett,
Henry E. Ruggles, Chas. E. Woodward, Chas. F. Nye,
Chas. Stewart, Edwin A. Mason, Edward H. Sherman,
Thos. E. Thain, Bradley M. Rockwood, Lawrence J. Kelley,
and Jeremiah J. McCarthy.

After the declaration of the vote, as aforesaid, all the bal-
lots cast at said election were sealed in an envelope, and the
voting lists used at said election were enclosed in an envelope
and sealed, and each of said envelopes was endorsed by the
election officers, according to law.

The Moderator caused all ballots which were not dis-
tributed to voters to be enclosed in an envelope and sealed,

and he certified thereon that said envelope contained such undistributed ballots; and all said envelopes containing said ballots and check-lists were placed in the custody of the Town Clerk.

And, on motion, at 6 o'clock P. M., the meeting was adjourned to March 13th, current, at 7 o'clock P. M., at Morse's Opera House, as aforesaid.

A true record.

Attest: ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, NORFOLK, SS.

FRANKLIN, FEBRUARY, MARCH 7TH, 1899.

I hereby certify that Orestes T. Doe appeared before me this day, and made solemn oath that he would faithfully discharge the duties of Town Clerk of Franklin, in said Commonwealth, to which office he has been duly elected.

NELSON E. NEWELL,
Justice of the Peace.

A true record.

Attest: ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

Proceedings of Adjourned Annual Town Meeting.

MARCH 13, 1899.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Franklin qualified to vote in town affairs, held in Morse's Opera House, in said town, on Monday, the thirteenth day of March, 1899, pursuant to the aforesaid adjournment, Lester L. Burrington, the Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7 o'clock in the evening, and the business proceeded as follows, to wit:

ARTICLE 3. The meeting made choice of the following town officers :

FENCE VIEWERS.

Amos P. Woodward, James O. Chilson, Lucius W. Daniels.

FIELD DRIVERS.

Amos P. Woodward, Frank W. Guild, Frank W. Willard.

POUND KEEPER.

Norman B. Stone.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The Committee of Fifteen, appointed to consider the remaining articles of the warrant and to report thereon, presented its report, through its Chairman, Geo. W. Wiggin, Esq., and the meeting voted that said report as printed be accepted and placed on file, and it was also voted that each section of the report of said committee be acted upon at the same time as the article in the warrant to which it referred.

ARTICLE 4. Voted, that the compensation of the Collector of Taxes be one per cent. on the amount collected, and that the Collector have the same power and authority that the Treasurer has when appointed Collector; and that seven per cent. interest be charged on unpaid taxes after December first.

ARTICLE 5. Voted, that the report of the town officers, as printed in the Annual Report, be accepted.

The committee appointed to consider the matter of a seal for the town, reported orally by Orestes T. Doe, and recommended, "That the town adopt a seal with the head of Benjamin Franklin thereon and the words, 'Town of Franklin, Massachusetts, incorporated March 2, 1778. Industry need not wish.'"

And the meeting voted to adopt such a seal, and instructed the Town Clerk to have the same made and provided for the use of the town.

ARTICLE 6. Voted, that the yard at the Almshouse be the pound for the present year,

ARTICLE 7. Voted, that the list of jurors, as printed by the Selectmen and posted according to law, be placed in the jury box for the current year, which contains the following names, viz :

Adams, Harry D.,	Winter street
Allen, Cyrus M.,	Summer steeet
Allen, Thomas B.,	Union street
Bacon, Albert O.,	King street
Bacon, Geo. E.,	Central street
Bent, Herbert A..	Central street
Blake, Oramel B.,	Maple street
Buckley, Daniel, Jr.,	Pond street
Bullock, Hubbard M.,	Ruggles street
Cleaveland, Wm. M.,	Garfield street
Corbin, Daniel O.,	Cottage street
Cosseboom, Geo. D.,	Crescent street
Crowninshield, Walter E..	Queen street
Desmond, James W.,	Church avenue
Ellis, Granville H.,	Union street
Estey, Willard A.,	Fales street
Gallivan, James,	Central street
Gowen, Charles R.,	Pleasant street
Hait, Henry,	East street
Hosford, James R..	Central street
Hosie, George S.,	Peck street
Hosie, John P.,	Peck street

Jenks, Henry R.,	Dean avenue
Johnson, Carl B.,	Union street
Johnson, Charles E.,	Main street
Johnson, William S.,	Crescent street
King, Wm. F.,	Acorn place
Kingsbury, Geo. A.,	Lincoln street
Metcalf, Edgar A.,	Crescent street
Metcalf, E. Lovell,	Central street
Milliken, Wallace C.,	Cottage street
Milliken, William B.,	Cottage street
Martin, Arthur W.,	Queen street
Moran, Daniel P.,	Dean avenue
Murphy, John, Jr.,	Pleasant street
Newell, Albert J.,	Grove street
Newell, Nelson E.,	Alpine street
Nye, Nathan C.,	Union street
O'Sullivan, John A.,	Pleasant street
Parker, James M.,	Lincoln street
Pond, Arthur A.,	Queen street
Pond, Wilton A.,	Pond street
Prince, Charles H.,	Union street
Reed, Samuel Y.,	Queen street
Sherman, Edward H.,	High street
Simonds, Edward O.,	Dean avenue
Sommers, Rudolph,	Dean street
Stevens, Roswell K.,	Queen street
Thain, Thomas G.,	Dean avenue
Tyler, John H.,	King street
Wales, Wm. H.,	Garfield street
Walsh, John P.,	Thayer street
Ware, Eugene F.,	Main street
White, Richard S.,	Main street
Woodward, Palmer A.,	Main street
Woodward, Amos P.,	Central street

ARTICLE 8. Voted, that the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 9. Voted, that the town name the School Street school house the Wm. M. Thayer school house.

ARTICLE 10. Voted, that the School Committee be authorized to employ a Secretary at a salary not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50) per year.

ARTICLE 11. Voted, that the School Committee employ a Superintendent of Schools in the same manner as the past year.

ARTICLE 12. Voted, that the pay of the members of the Fire Department be increased from \$15.00 and poll tax to \$20.00, and poll tax per year.

ARTICLE 13. Voted, that the town establish three incandescent lights on Grove street, Unionville, between the engine house and the mill of the Norfolk Woolen Company.

ARTICLES 14 AND 15. Voted, that Articles 14 and 15 be considered and voted upon at the same time, and then it was unanimously

Voted, that the town adopt a system of sewerage for that part of its territory covered by a plan thereof, drawn by S. C. Taft, Mechanical Engineer, and entitled, "Plan and Profile of Proposed Sewer for the Town of Franklin, Mass., Timnah Brook District," and that said plan be, and the same is hereby adopted as the plan for the sewerage of that portion of the town therein described, and the same shall be known as the "Timnah Brook District," and all sewers thereafter, built in said district, shall be built in accordance with said plan, and of the diameters and materials set forth in a certain schedule of estimates prepared by S. C. Taft, Mechanical Engineer, and marked, "Estimates for Sewers in the Timnah Brook District, March —, 1899," which said plan and schedule are to be filed in the Town Clerk's office, and extending on Main street, from the southerly end of said street northerly to a point opposite the centre line of Emmons street, and from said Main street easterly through Dean avenue to a point opposite the southerly end of Alpine street; and thence in a south-easterly direction through land

of Rudolph Sommers, land of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, and land of Amanda M. Waite to a filter bed on land, now of said Amanda M. Waite, as shown on said plan.

AND WHEREAS, it is estimated that the cost of all the sewers, in said Timnah Brook District, to be built in accordance with said plan and schedule will be thirty-four hundred and fifty-eight and seventy-nine one hundredth dollars, and

WHEREAS, it is determined that there are in said district estates benefited by said sewers, and fronting on streets or ways where said sewers are to be constructed to an aggregate amount of thirty-eight hundred and fifty-six feet frontage, making an average cost of said sewer of eighty-nine and seven-tenth cents for each and every foot of land in said several estates fronting upon the several streets or ways where said sewers are to be constructed.

Now, it is ordered under the provisions of law that, after the completion of any sewer, in any street or way, in said district, the Selectmen shall assess, in manner provided by law, upon the owners of the several estates, in said district, and fronting upon the street or way where such sewer is built, one hundred per cent. of their proportional part of the charge of making such sewers, determined in the manner above set forth, that is to say, eighty-nine and seven-tenths cents, for each and every foot of their several estates fronting such street or way, provided that when any abutting estate is situated at the junction of two or more streets or ways where a sewer is built in accordance with said plan of sewerage, and an assessment shall have been duly made for the number of feet of frontage upon one street or way, a number of feet equal to the number which such assessment has been made upon the first street or way, shall be exempt from assessment upon the other street or way, provided that in no case shall the number of feet, so exempt, exceed one hundred feet.

Said assessment is to be ascertained, assessed, certified, and notified, as provided by law, within six months after the completion of any of said sewers, provided that if any of the estates in said district, by reason of their grade level, or for

any other cause cannot be drained into any of said sewers, no assessment thereon shall be made, certified, or notified, until such incapacity is removed.

And it is voted that a main drain and common sewer be constructed on said Main street and Dean avenue, and through the lands above described, as shown on said plan, the same to be built in accordance with said plan and schedule. And the Selectmen are hereby authorized and instructed to proceed forthwith to construct said sewer, as aforesaid, and to do all acts necessary to carry out this vote.

FRANKLIN, MASS., MARCH 1, 1899.

Estimated cost of main drain and common sewer on Main street and Dean avenue, in Franklin, extending on said Main street from the southerly end thereof northerly to Emmons street, and from Main street easterly, through Dean avenue to Alpine street, and thence south-easterly to a filter bed on land, now of Amanda M. Waite, as shown on a plan to be filed herewith :

2226 cubic yards of excavation at	50c.	\$1,113 00
2193 feet of 15 inch pipe,	" 28	614 04
700 " 12 " "	21	147 00
60 T's, Y's, &c.,	" 96	57 60
12 bends	" 88	10 56
3 manholes,	" \$20	60 00
Laying 2768 ft. of pipe with cement,		332 16
Settling vats,		810 00
		\$3,144 36
Add 10 per cent. engineering and contingencies,		314 43
		\$3,458 79

S. C. TAFT,
Mechanical Engineer.

Voted unanimously, that the Selectmen be, and hereby are authorized to borrow five thousand (\$5,000) dollars to pay the expenses of constructing said sewer, and to give a note therefor, payable in one year from the date thereof, without interest.

Voted, that a committee of five (5) be appointed by the Moderator, to take into consideration the subject matter of a system of sewerage for the thickly inhabited portion of the town; that the sum of \$300 be appropriated to be used by said committee for expense of plans and estimates, and that said committee report at some future town meeting.

And the Moderator appointed Joseph G. Ray, Henry E. Ruggles, Esq., Dr. J. Cushing Gallison, George W. Wiggin, Esq., and Dr. Dwight M. Hodge to serve as such committee.

ARTICLE 16. Voted, that a committee of three persons be appointed by the Moderator to consider the subject matter of this article, and to report at a future town meeting.

And the Moderator appointed for said committee Dr. Dwight M. Hodge, George W. Wiggin, Esq., Henry E. Ruggles, Esq.

ARTICLE 17. Voted, that the town raise and appropriate for the following named purposes the following named sums of money for the current year, to wit:

For the support of schools, including the salary of a Superintendent, and the transportation of scholars; for repairing school houses, for school books, supplies and miscellaneous school expenses,	\$13,800 00
For repair of roads, bridges and sidewalks, to be expended under the direction of the Select- men,	7,000 00
For support of poor, including repairs to town farm buildings,	6,000 00
For support of Fire Department,	3,000 00
" Water supply,	4,040 00
" Street lights,	8,820 00

For Suppression of illegal liquor traffic, and payment of police,	1,500 00
" Payment of town debt,	2,200 00
" " interest,	1,300 00
" " town officers,	1,500 00
" Abatement and collection of taxes,	1,000 00
" Printing and stationery,	375 00
" State and military aid,	500 00
" Soldiers' relief,	500 00
" Support of the library of the Franklin Library Association,	700 00
" The decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00
" Insurance of town buildings and miscellaneous expenses,	850 00

Voted, that the assessors publish, in the next Annual Town Report, a list of all abatements, and the reasons therefor.

Voted, that the Overseers of the Poor and the School Committee be allowed to expend the receipts of their respective boards from other sources than said appropriations, in addition to the same.

Voted, that the Auditor be instructed not to approve any bills after the appropriation therefor is expended, and that the Treasurer be instructed to pay no bill after the appropriation therefor is expended.

ARTICLE 18. Voted, that the Treasurer be authorized, under the direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year.

ARTICLE 19. Voted, that the town instruct the Selectmen to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors in the town for the current year.

ARTICLE 20. Voted, that the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 21. Voted, "That the town raise and appropriate four hundred dollars (400) for the construction of concrete sidewalks, and that the sum be spent for this purpose in whole or in part, as abutters may contribute a like amount.

ARTICLE 22. Voted, that the subject matter of this article be referred to the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 23. Voted, that the town raise and appropriate three hundred dollars for forest fires, as recommended by the Engineers of the Fire Department.

ARTICLE 24. Voted, that this article be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 25. Voted, that there be one hundred dollars raised and appropriated for the purpose of paying the same to Carl B. Johnson to reimburse him in full for loss sustained in printing the births, deaths and marriages in 1898, and the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay said sum to said Carl B. Johnson for said purpose.

ARTICLE 26. Voted, that this article be indefinitely postponed.

In consequence of an error in numbering the articles in the warrant there was no article therein numbered 27.

ARTICLE 28. Voted, that the subject matter of this article be referred to the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 29. Voted, that the town raise and appropriate five hundred (\$500) dollars to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen to repair the cemetery located at the corner of Union and Central streets, belonging to this town.

It was voted at 10:20 o'clock P. M., to adjourn without date.

A true record.

Attest : ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

I administered the oath of office, according to law, to the following-named persons who were elected to office in the Town of Franklin, at the annual March election, A. D., 1899, on the dates set against their respective names, all in said year :
SELECTMEN—Horace W. Hosie, J. Cushing Gallison and Alfred Clark, Jr., all on the 7th day of March.

TREASURER—Nelson E. Newell, March 7th.

ASSESSORS, as prescribed by statute—William Rockwood, Elisha P. Chapman and James O. Chilson, all on March 7th.

OVERSEERS OF POOR—George E. Emerson, Fremont M. Richardson and Samuel Y. Reed, all on March 7th.

AUDITOR—Palmer A. Woodward, March 7.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES—Edward H. Sherman, March 7th.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE for three years—Ambrose J. Gallison, March 7th.

BOARD OF HEALTH, for three years—Gregory A. Martin, July 15th.

BOARD OF HEALTH for one year—Marston Sanborn, March 7th.

CONSTABLES—Lewis R. Whitaker, Fred L. Davis and Silas W. Nickerson, all on March 7th.

The following named persons were appointed on the eighth day of March, 1899, to the offices herein-after named by the Selectmen, when duly assembled.

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS without pay—Charles R. Gowen, William G. Cody, Kervin R. Jewett, George Bourbeau, Daniel W. Fisher, George W. Hill, Joseph T. Hutchinson, Edmund J. Rockwood, Walter Lovelace, Charles Badger, Edward P. Proctor, Herbert A. Bent, and on the 9th of June Charles E. Baldwin.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER—William Rockwood, Clarence H. Woodward, Elmer M. Wadsworth and Walter M. Fisher.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK—William Rockwood, T. Jefferson Daniels, Norman B. Stone, Clarence H. Woodward, Alexander M. Haggart, Kervin R. Jewett, Wilton A. Pond, Elmer M. Wadsworth and Thomas B. Allen.

MEASURERS OF GRAIN—Frank D. Metcalf, Elmer M. Wadsworth, James F. Ray, Clarence H. Woodward, Nathan B. Arnold and William Rockwood.

WEIGHERS OF COAL AND HAY—Joseph E. Clark, Nathan B. Arnold, Clarence H. Woodward, Kervin R. Jewett Alexander M. Haggart, James F. Ray, Elmer M. Wadsworth, and on the 14th of June Orrin W. Bugbee.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES—Granville H. Ellis, March 24th.

INSPECTOR OF KEROSENE OIL—George I. Peck.

AGENTS FOR THE BURIAL OF SOLDIERS—Edwin A. Mason and Walter M. Fisher.

AUCTIONEERS—Lewis R. Whitaker and David W. Corson.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS—Frank S. Streeter, March 17.

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND PROVISIONS—William F. King, March 31st.

FOREST FIRE WARDS, to begin service May 1st, 1899—William F. King, T. Jefferson Daniels, Frank S. Streeter, Norman B. Stone, James M. Parker, Herbert H. Gates, Charles E. Woodward, Albert J. Newell, Fred H. Johnson and Edward P. Proctor, all on April 14.

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS—John G. Cunningham, George I. Peck, James B. McKinnon, William F. Buckley and Lawrence J. Kelley, all appointed by the Selectmen on the 21st day of said April.

Said George I. Peck declined to serve.

Alfred L. Pierce was appointed in the place of George I. Peck, April 26th.

Alfred L. Pierce resigned and Charles H. Corbin was appointed as one of the fire engineers, June 23rd, 1899.

On the seventeenth day of March, 1899, the Selectmen made the following appointments:

POLICE AND LIQUOR OFFICER—Silas W. Nickerson, for the ensuing year, unless sooner revoked, at a salary of fifty dollars per month.

POLICE OFFICER AND NIGHT WATCHMAN—Anthony Conner, for the ensuing year, unless sooner revoked, at a salary of fifty dollars per month.

I administered the oath of office to the following-named officers on the date set against their respective names, all in the year 1899:

FENCE VIEWERS—James O. Chilson, May 15th; Amos P. Woodward, May 27th.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS—Frank S. Streeter, April 1st.

POUND KEEPER—Norman B. Stone, April 29th.

FIELD DRIVER—Amos P. Woodward, May 27th.

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS—Kervin R. Jewett, Joseph T. Hutchinson, Herbert A. Bent, William Redpath, March 9th; Edward P. Proctor, March 13th; Charles R. Gowen, March 15th; Daniel W. Fisher, March 18th; William G. Gody, March 25th; George W. Hill, March 29th; Charles Badger, April 6th; Charles E. Baldwin, June 14th; Walter Lovelace, June 24th; and Joseph G. Guild, September 11th.

POLICE OFFICERS—Silas W. Nickerson, March 18th; Anthony Conner, March 20th.

TRUANT OFFICER—Nelson E. Newell, June 22nd.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER—Edward S. Cook, August 5th; Edwin J. St. Johns, August 16th; William Rockwood, March 13th; Elmer M. Wadsworth, March 28th; and Clarence H. Woodward, April 8th.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK—William Rockwood, March 13th; Kervin R. Jewett, March 25th; Thomas J. Daniels, March 25th; Elmer M. Wadsworth, March 28th; Alexander M. Haggart, March 30th; Clarence H. Woodward, April 8th; Edward S. Cook, August 5th; and Edward J. St. Johns, August 16th.

MEASURERS OF GRAIN—William Rockwood, March 13th; Nathan B. Arnold, March 14th; Elmer M. Wadsworth, March 28th; Clarence H. Woodward, April 8th; and James F. Ray, April 11th.

WEIGHERS OF COAL AND HAY—Nathan B. Arnold, March 14th; Kervin R. Jewett, March 25th; Elmer M. Wadsworth, March 28th; Alexander M. Haggart, March 30th;

Clarence H. Woodward, April 8th; James F. Ray, April 11th; Orrin W. Bugbee, June 15th; and Thomas Keefe, September 30th.

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND PROVISIONS—William F. King, April 1st.

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS—James B. McKinnon, April 25th; Alfred L. Pierce, April 26th; Lawrence J. Kelly, April 26th; John G. Cunningham, April 28th; William F. Buckley, May 1st; and Charles H. Corbin, July 22nd.

FOREST FIRE WARDS, for the year commencing May 1st, 1899—Norman B. Stone, April 29th; Charles E. Woodward, April 29th; Albert J. Newell, May 1st; William F. King, May 8th; Frank S. Streeter, May 10th; T. Jefferson Daniels, April 20th; Fred H. Johnson, April 20th; and Edward P. Proctor, April 21st.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES—Fred L. Davis, September 2nd, 1899.

OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN, TOWN OF FRANKLIN.

NORFOLK, ss. Franklin, Mass., March 18th, 1899.

We, the Selectmen, hereby appoint Anthony Conner, of said town of Franklin, to be keeper of the lockup for the current year, and until March 18th, A. D., 1900, unless sooner revoked.

J. CUSHING GALLISON,
HORACE W. HOSIE,
Selectmen of Franklin.

I hereby accept the above appointment.

ANTHONY CONNER.

I administered the oath of office to the above-named Anthony Conner, March 20th, 1899.

ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

A true record.

Attest: ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN, TOWN OF FRANKLIN.

We, the Selectmen of Franklin, in the County of Norfolk, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, hereby appoint Bradley M. Rockwood, of said Franklin, Registrar of Voters, in and for said Franklin, for the term of three years, from May 1st, A. D. 1899, and until another is appointed in his place.

Given under our hands this twenty-ninth day of April, A. D. 1899.

J. CUSHING GALLISON,
HORACE W. HOSIE,
Selectmen of Franklin.

I, Bradley M. Rockwood, having been appointed Registrar of voters, as aforesaid, do swear that I will faithfully perform the duties of said office.

BRADLEY M. ROCKWOOD.

I administered the said oath of office to Bradley M. Rockwood, on this twentieth day of May, A. D. 1899.

ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

A true record.

Attest: ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Franklin, held on the twenty-eighth day of July, 1899, William F. King was appointed Inspector of Animals.

On the twenty-ninth day of July William F. King appeared before me, and made oath that he would faithfully discharge the duties of Inspector of Animals.

ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Selectmen, held August 16th, 1899, Edward J. St. Johns was duly appointed Surveyor of Lumber, and Measurer of Wood and Bark.

At a meeting of the Selectmen, held August 18, 1899, Fred L. Davis was appointed Sealer of Weights and Measures.

The Selectmen when duly assembled made the following appointments on the date set against the name of each officer :
SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER—Joseph G. Guild, September 8th, 1899.

WEIGHER OF COAL AND HAY—Thomas Keefe, July 28th.

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING,
JULY 29TH, 1899.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, NORFOLK, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Franklin,

GREETING :

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the qualified voters of the Town of Franklin to assemble in their Town Hall on Saturday, the twenty-ninth day of July, A. D. 1899, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To choose by ballot a Moderator to preside over said meeting.

ART. 2. To see if the town will vote to accept and allow a sewer, as laid out by the Selectmen, in Main street, Dean avenue and across lands of Rudolph Sommers, the New England Railroad Company and Amanda M. Waite, as dated and filed by the Town Clerk on the twentieth day of July, 1899, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 3. To see if the town will vote to connect the "Horace Mann School Building" with the sewer, and raise and appropriate money therefor, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 4. To see if the town will vote to sell the school house and land therewith on Union street, known as the Mount school house, or do anything relating thereto.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands, at said Franklin, this twentieth day of July, A. D. 1899

J. CUSHING GALLISON,
HORACE W. HOSIE,
ALFRED CLARK, JR.,

Selectmen of Franklin.

Upon the foregoing warrant the following return was made, viz:
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, NORFOLK, SS.

FRANKLIN, JULY 22D, A. D. 1899.

By virtue of the within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Franklin, herein described, to assemble in their Town Hall on Saturday, the twenty-ninth day of July, 1899, at two o'clock P. M., for the purposes therein mentioned, by posting attested copies of the within warrant in each of the post offices in said town, and in ten other public places, seven days before the day of meeting, in compliance with Section two of Article one of the By-Laws of the said Town of Franklin.

LEWIS R. WHITAKER,
Constable of the Town of Franklin.

A true record of the warrant and return thereon.

Attest: ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

Proceedings of Special Town Meeting,

JULY 29, 1899.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Franklin, in the County of Norfolk, qualified to vote in town affairs, held in pursuance to the foregoing warrant, in the Town Hall, in said town, on Saturday, the twenty-ninth day of July, A. D. 1899.

The meeting was called to order at the time and place stated in said warrant by the Town Clerk, who read the same and the return thereon, and presided until the choice of the Moderator.

ARTICLE 1. Lester L. Burrington was chosen Moderator by ballot, in receiving which the check list was used, and he was sworn by the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 2. Voted, unanimously, to accept the laying out of the sewer, as laid and reported by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 3. Voted, unanimously, that the town authorize the connection of the Horace Mann School Building with the sewer, and that the town appropriate the sum of three hundred (\$300) dollars therefor.

Voted, to reconsider the above vote.

Voted, unanimously, that the Selectmen be authorized to connect the Horace Mann School Building with the present sewer system, and that a sum not exceeding three hundred (\$300) dollars be appropriated therefor, and that the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow that sum, to be paid out of the taxes for the current year.

ARTICLE 4. Voted, that the subject matter of this article be left with the Selectmen, with full power to act therein.

It was voted at 2:30 o'clock P. M. to adjourn without date.

A true record.

Attest:

ORESTES T. DOE,

Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, NORFOLK, SS.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Franklin,

GREETING :

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the qualified voters of the Town of Franklin to assemble in their Town Hall on Saturday, the thirtieth day of September, at two o'clock P. M., to act upon the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To choose by ballot a Moderator to preside over said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the town will appropriate any and what sums of money to complete the repairs of Cemetery at the corner of Union and Central streets, or do anything relating thereto.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands, at said Franklin, the twenty-second day of September, A. D. 1899.

J. CUSHING GALLISON,
HORACE W. HOSIE,
ALFRED CLARK, JR.

Selectmen of the Town of Franklin.

Upon the foregoing warrant the following return was made, viz:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

NORFOLK, SS. AT FRANKLIN, SEPTEMBER, 23RD, A. D. 1899.

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Franklin, herein described, to assemble in their Town Hall on Saturday, the thirtieth day of September, 1899, for the purpose therein mentioned, by posting attested copies of the within warrant in each of the post offices, in said town, and in ten other public places, seven days before the day of meeting, in compliance with Section two of Article one of the By-Laws of the said Town of Franklin.

LEWIS R. WHITAKER,
Constable of the Town of Franklin.

Proceedings of Special Town Meeting,

SEPTEMBER 30, 1899.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Franklin, in the County of Norfolk, qualified to vote in town affairs, held, in pursuance to the foregoing warrant in the Town Hall, in said town, on Saturday, the thirtieth day of September, 1899.

The meeting was called to order at the time and place stated in said warrant by the Town Clerk, who read the same and the return thereon, and presided until the choice of the Moderator.

ARTICLE 1. William A. Wyckoff was chosen Moderator by ballot, in receiving which the check list was used, and he was sworn by the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 2. Voted, unanimously, that the sum of four hundred (\$400) dollars be appropriated to complete the repairs of the wall of cemetery at corner of Union and Central streets, the same to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen, and that the Selectmen and Treasurer be authorized to borrow said sum, and give a note therefor, payable in one year.

It was voted at 2:30 o'clock P. M., to adjourn without date.

A true record.

Attest : ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

I hereby certify that I destroyed on the thirtieth day of April, 1899, the ballots used at the last annual election for town officers.

ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION.
NOVEMBER 7TH, 1899.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

NORFOLK, SS.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Franklin,

GREETING:

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the qualified voters of the Town of Franklin to assemble in their Town Hall, in said town, on Tuesday, the seventh day of November next, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday of said November, at seven o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in their votes on one ballot for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney-General, Councillor for the Second Councillor District, Senator for the Second Norfolk Senatorial District, two Representatives to the General Court for the Tenth Norfolk Representative District, a County Commissioner for the County of Norfolk.

The polls may be closed as early as eleven o'clock in the forenoon on said day.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, unto the Selectmen on or before the said day and hour.

Given under our hands and the seal of said town, at Franklin aforesaid this twentieth day of October, A. D. 1899.

HORACE W. HOSIE,
ALFRED CLARK, JR.
Selectmen of Franklin.

Upon the above warrant the following return was made:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

NORFOLK, SS.

OCTOBER 26TH, 1899.

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Franklin, herein described, to assemble in their Town Hall on Tuesday, the seventh day of November, 1899, for the purposes within mentioned by posting attested copies of the within warrant in each of the post offices of the town, and in ten other public places, seven days before the day of meeting, in compliance with Section two of Article one of the By-Laws of the Town of Franklin.

LEWIS R. WHITAKER.
Constable of the Town of Franklin.

A true record of the warrant and the return thereon.

Attest: ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

Proceedings of the General Election,

NOVEMBER 7, 1899.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Norfolk, ss.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Franklin, in the County of Norfolk, qualified to vote as required by the Constitution for State officers, holden at the Town Hall, in said town, in accordance with the foregoing warrant, on Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, being the seventh day of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor and Attorney-General for the Commonwealth, Councillor for the Second Councillor District, Senator for the Second Norfolk Senatorial District, two Representatives to the General Court for the Tenth Norfolk Representative District, and a County Commissioner for the County of Norfolk.

The meeting was called to order at 7 o'clock A. M. by Horace W. Hosie, the acting chairman of the Selectmen, who read the warrant and the return thereon.

Nathan C. Nye and Michael J. Costello were appointed Ballot Clerks by the Selectmen, and both were duly sworn by the Town Clerk before the opening of the polls, and Henry F. Byrnes and Albert H. Martin were subsequently appointed additional Ballot Clerks, and were sworn by the Town Clerk, and acted in the absence of the Ballot Clerks.

Thirteen marking shelves or compartments were provided by the town, according to law, and a guard rail was erected six (6) feet or more from said shelves or compartments.

The first set of ballots furnished for said election by the Secretary of the Commonwealth was, before the opening of the polls on said day, delivered by the Town Clerk, sealed, to the Acting Chairman of the Selectmen and his receipt taken therefor, in the following form, viz :

NOVEMBER 7TH, 1899.

Received of Orestes T. Doe, Town Clerk of Franklin, Mass., a sealed package said to contain eleven hundred ballots for use at the election in said town on said day.

HORACE W. HOSIE,
Acting Chairman of the Selectmen of Franklin, Mass.

The ballot box, furnished and certified to by the said Secretary, was, before the opening of the polls, opened in public meeting and examined by the Selectmen and Town Clerk and found to be empty, and the register thereon was set at zero (0) and thereupon locked and the key delivered to the police officer, William Redpath.

The seal of the package containing the first set of ballots was then broken by the Acting Chairman of the Selectmen, who delivered the same to the Ballot Clerks, and the cards of instruction and specimen ballots were posted in the marking shelves or compartments, and about the room outside the guard-rail, as required by law, after which the polls were declared opened, and it was then voted that the polls be kept open until four o'clock and then closed.

The ballots were delivered to each voter by the Ballot Clerks, after the name of such voter had first been publicly announced and checked by said clerks upon the voting list used by them.

The ballot delivered to each voter was by him marked in one of the voting compartments aforesaid and thereafter deposited by such voter in said ballot box after his name had first been publicly announced at said box and duly checked upon the voting list by the election officers in charge of said box and list.

On the twentieth day of October current, the Selectmen appointed Bradley M. Rockwood and James W. Desmond as Tellers to assist them in receiving, sorting and counting said ballots, and on said election day William S. Johnson and Palmer A. Woodward were appointed Tellers, and before entering upon their duties as such Tellers they were all sworn by the Town Clerk to the faithful discharge of their duties as such Tellers, except Bradley M. Rockwood who did not act.

The Selectmen and Town Clerk had charge of the election, and the ballot box and check-list used with the same were under their care.

At two o'clock in the afternoon the said ballot box was opened, by the unanimous consent of the election officers, to remove the ballots therefrom for the purpose of counting when the register on said box showed 263 ballots cast, and upon a complete count of all the ballots so removed, it was found that there were 334. It was known that the said box did not register correctly on account of a break in its machinery.

The polls were closed at four o'clock in the afternoon, due notice having been made, when the register on the ballot box showed 263 ballots cast, and upon a complete count of all the ballots cast therein, it was found that 394 ballots had been cast into said box and cancelled thereby.

The whole number of ballots delivered to the voters by the Ballot Clerks was three hundred and ninety-four.

The ballots were divided into blocks, and each block was canvassed, as required by law, and the total result of said canvass was recorded on the blank forms provided for that purpose.

The names checked upon the voting list used as aforesaid were then counted in a distinct and audible voice in the presence of all the election officers and the public; and the two check-lists used for the voters, each showed three hundred and ninety-four names checked thereon.

The check-lists used were furnished by the Registrars of Voters for the purpose of said election.

After the completion of the canvass of all the votes cast, and the whole number duly sorted, counted and recorded, declaration thereof was made, according to law, in open town meeting, as follows, viz :

For Governor :

Albert B. Coats of Beverly had eight—8.

M. Murray Crane of Dalton had two hundred and seventy-one—271.

Robert Treat Paine, Jr., of Boston had ninety—90.

George R. Reave of Lynn had eight—8.

Winfield P. Porter of Newburyport had one—1.

Blanks, sixteen—16.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, three hundred and ninety-four—394.

For Lieutenant-Governor :

John L. Bates of Boston had two hundred and seventy-five—275.

John H. Mack of North Adams had ninety-three—93.

James H. Roberts of Cambridge had five—5.

Isaac W. Skinner of Brockton had one—1.

James F. Stevens of Boston had eight—8.

Blanks, twelve—12.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, three hundred and ninety-four—394.

For Secretary :

Charles H. Bradley of Haverhill had two—2.

John B. Lewis Jr., of Reading had ten—10.

Henry Lloyd of Boston had ninety-one—91

Frank McDonald of Stoneham had nine—9.

William M. Olin of Boston had two hundred and sixty-nine—269.

Blanks, thirteen—13.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, three hundred and ninety-four—394.

For Treasurer :

Edward S. Bradford of Springfield had two hundred and seventy-two—272.

Joseph J. Flynn of Lawrence had ninety-two—92.

Herbert B. Griffin of Winthrop had four—4.

Frederick A. Nagler of Springfield had nine—9.

Charles W. White of Winchester had one—1.

Blanks, sixteen—16.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, three hundred and ninety-four—394.

For Auditor :

Elbridge Gerry Brown of Brockton had eighty-eight—88.

Frank Albin Forsstrom of Worcester had ten—10.

John W. Kimball of Fitchburg had two hundred and sixty-five—265.

Angus McDonald of Boston had five—5.

Franklin A. Palmer of Stockbridge had four—4.

Blanks, twenty-two—22.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, three hundred and ninety-four—394.

For Attorney-General:

Addison W. Barr of Worcester had two—2.

Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford had two hundred and seventy-one—271.

John H. Morrison of Lowell had ninety-one—91.

Sidney Perley of Salem had five—5.

Walter P. J. Skahan of New Bedford had eight—8.

Blanks, seventeen—17.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, three hundred and ninety-four—394.

For Councillor—Second District:

William W. Davis of Boston had two hundred and seventy nine—279.

Thomas J. A. Johnson of Boston had one hundred and one—101.

Blanks, fourteen—14.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, three hundred and ninety-four—394.

For Senator—Second Norfolk District:

Edward O. Cox of Stoughton had one hundred and four—104.

Frank A. Fales of Norwood had two hundred and eighty-one—281.

Blanks, nine—9.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, three hundred and ninety-four—394.

For Representative in the General Court—Tenth Norfolk District:

Lester L. Burrington of Franklin had two hundred and eighty—280.

Warren E. Fairbanks of Bellingham had two hundred and thirty-two—232.

Patrick O'Neil of Bellingham had eighty-eight—88.

Dennis F. O'Sullivan, of Franklin had one hundred and four—104.

Charles F. Nye of Franklin had one—1.

Blanks, eighty-three—83.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, seven hundred and eighty-eight—788.

For County Commissioner—Norfolk :

Charles C. Sanderson of Dedham had one hundred and one—101.

Edwin D. Wadsworth of Milton had two hundred and seventy-three—273.

Blanks, twenty—20.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, three hundred and ninety-four—394.

Certificates of said balloting, signed by the Selectmen and attested by the Town Clerk, were sealed up in open town meeting.

The ballots cast into said ballot box by the voters were duly sealed and certified to thereon by a majority of the election officers for said town and delivered into the custody of the Town Clerk.

The voting lists used at said election were enclosed in an envelope and sealed, and a majority of the election officers certified thereon to the identity of the voting lists so sealed.

The presiding officer caused all ballots, which were not distributed to voters, to be enclosed in an envelope and sealed, and placed thereon his certificate as to the identity of the same.

The presiding officer delivered to the Town Clerk all said ballots cast, all undistributed ballots and voting lists, sealed as

aforesaid, together with the ballot box, in accordance with the law in such cases made and provided.

On motion, the meeting was dissolved at 5:50 o'clock
P. M.

A true record.

Attest : ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

JANUARY 8, 1900.

I hereby certify that I have destroyed the ballots cast at the last November election, according to law.

ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

MEETING OF THE TOWN CLERKS

OF THE

TENTH NORFOLK REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT.

The Clerks of the Towns of Wrentham, Medway, Franklin, Foxborough, Bellingham and Norfolk, comprising the Norfolk Representative District, number ten, at their meeting at the Town Hall, in said Franklin, on Friday, the seventeenth day of November, A. D. 1899, at 12 o'clock noon, on

said day, being the tenth day following the day of the election, made out under their hands the following complete returns of all votes cast for Representatives to the General Court in said district, as follows, viz:

Whole number of votes cast, including blanks, twenty-four hundred and thirty-two—2432.

Lester L. Burrington of Franklin had eight hundred and twenty-six—826.

Warren E. Fairbanks of Bellingham had seven hundred and ninety-two—792.

Patrick O'Neil of Bellingham had two hundred and fifty-seven—257.

Dennis F. O'Sullivan of Franklin had two hundred and fifty-two—252.

And did ascertain from the foregoing canvass that Lester L. Burrington of Franklin and Warren Fairbanks of Bellingham were duly elected, and made certificates of their election, one of which was sent to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and one was sent to the Constable of Franklin, and one was sent to the Constable of Bellingham, to be served on said Lester L. Burrington and Warren Fairbanks, as the law requires.

Witness our hands at Franklin, Mass., this seventeenth
day of November, A. D. 1899.

DAVID D. STONE, Clerk of Wrentham.

GEORGE E. POND, " Medway.

OBESTES T. DOE, " Franklin,

LEWIS W. HODGES. " Foxborough.

HENRY A. WHITNEY, " Bellingham.

HENRY H. WILSON,
SILAS E. FALES, " Norfolk.

A true record.

Attest : ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births Registered in Franklin During 1899.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Jan. 7	Mary G. Kearns	Michael F. and Mary A.
" 15	Joseph F. Molloy	John P. and Annie G.
" 17	Toney Mucciarone	Sebastiano and Anna
" 19	Parish	Wm. H. and Bertha E.
" 19	Gertrude L. Bellville	Joseph and Virginia
" 20	Ralph L. King	David A. and Bertha C.
" 21	Frederick J. Southerland	Alexander J. and Lucy M.
" 22	Arthur C. St. John	Edward and Lucy
" 23	Snow	Frank and Eliza
" 28	William J. Lavalle	Napoleon and Mary
Feb. 6	—— Stewart	James D. and Laura E.
" 9	Agnes Evans	George J. and Annie
" 10	Ingeborg A. Trulson	Frederick and Emma
" 11	Irene S. Gushee	Ulysses S. and Mary W.
" 12	—— Geary	Michael and Mary
" 20	Bertha Kearns	Thomas and Ellen
" 22	Clara E. Jordan	Samuel H. and Alice J.
March 4	Henry F. Follett	Chester B. and Agnes
" 6	Harvey McLaren	—— Jennie McLaren
" 8	Mary I. Hutchinson	John D. and Jennie
" 9	Laura L. Phaneuf	John B. and Marie
" 12	Mary Mabel Legare	Odellion and Annie
" 12	Jennie E. Walsh	Wm. F. and Elizabeth
" 14	Marion M. Garrity	James E. and Bridget M.
" 16	Melvin H. Parker	Warren C. and Louise A.
" 20	Robert J. McCarthy	John B. and Mary E.
" 24	Beatrice C. St. Sauveur	Edward and Marie E.
" 24	—— Hartshorn	George T. and Bessie
April 6	Beatrice P. Bailey	Samuel C. and Carrie A.
" 11	Gertrude Prior	William and Nellie
" 11	Joseph Quinn	—— Kate Quinn
" 11	Mary Quinn	—— Kate Quinn
" 16	Alice E. Earls	Edward O. and Helen L.
" 18	Edmund S. Rockwood	Albert and Elizabeth
" 19	Agnes I. Meehan	Laurence C. and Anna J.
" 20	Jennie M. Morse	Walter L. and Jane
May 3	Gladys L. Adams	Chas. R. and Mary L.
" 5	Percy R. Ackley	Fred L. and Sarah E.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
May 6	Joseph L. Moreau	Joseph and Catherine
" 9	Malcolm F. Johnson	Carl B. and Mary E.
" 14	Hugh Wyllie	Robert and Elizabeth S.
" 15	Raymond N. Peterson	Paul N. and Jennie C.
" 16	Alice J. Howe	Ira A. and Emily F.
" 20	Lottie R. Davis	Fred E. and Lottie B.
" 21	Louis Houle	Eugene and Eliza
" 31	Carmine Dangelo	Michael and Camilla
June 1	Clarence N. Dauphinee	James T. and Nellie M.
" 1	George W. Cockell	Henry J. and Martha A.
" 2	Mary E. Cody	Daniel and Margaret
" 3	Charles A. Stone	Amos W. and Dora B.
" 8	William A. Tero	Maxiam and Mary N.
" 13	William J. Shea	Daniel F. and Bridget E.
" 18	Chester A. Allen	Geo. A. and Margery E.
" 23	Mary Cron	Paul and Eva
" 23	Bartholomew Cody	John F. and Catherine
" 27	Karl E. Luce	Chas. F. and Otieie
July 1	Louis Antonetti	Nicholas and Eleanor
" 12	Mary E. La Rose	Euclide and Phoebe
" 16	Frank B. Lanigan	John and Mary
" 27	Mary S. Harper	Jeremiah and Mary
" 30	Alexander C. Ewen	Charles, Jr., and Mary
" 31	Ida Vaudall	Louis and Ida
Aug. 2	Anders C. Lyons	Laurits and Clara E.
" 3	Louis Pasini	Charles and Ermina
" 3	Ferdinando Pasini	Charles and Ermina
" 4	Chas. L. Brown	Frank and Delia M.
" 11	Margaret Kennelly	Jeremiah and Emma
" 14	Gladys M. Owens	Thomas H. and Carrie M.
" 14	Joseph A. Chandler	Stephen B. and Marian
" 18	Ernest G. Vantassel	William W. and Mabel E.
" 20	Wallace E. Filkins	Edward L. and Edith B.
" 24	David H. O'Clair	P. Nelson and Mary
" 31	Hazel M. Hutchinson	Jos. T., Jr., and Florence M.
" 31	Gladys Estes	A. C., Jr., and Lizzie L.
" 31	Marjorie Estes	A. C., Jr., and Lizzie L.
Sept. 2	Eugene A. Stockbridge	John C. and Charlotte L.
" 4	Lizzie M. Pauzie	Donato and Angelo
" 6	Forrest V. Lemier	Fred D. and Margaret
" 10	Walter R. Feeley	Michael J. and Abbie M.
" 10	Florence H. Mason	Chas. H. and Addie F.
" 11	Lillian G. Hannan	Henry J. and Jennie
" 13	Ellen Coughlin	John and Annie
" 14	Jennie Du Faur	Henry and Mary
" 14	Joseph L. Moreau	Fred and Delia
" 15	Joseph Sink	Lewis and Pathrain
" 16	Reginald B. Miner	Guy W. and Helen M.
" 19	Clifford Metcalf	James A. and Ida A.
" 22	Harding M. Smith	Wm. R. and Maude T.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Sept. 22	Norma C. Litchfield	Geo. H. and Lillis M.
" 23	Margaret Giloley	James and Katherine
" 25	William J. Knowlton	William E. and Catherine M.
" 28	Reka Marks	Isaac and Bertha
Oct. 1	Gertrude Lemier	Charles and Mary
" 2	Margaret A. Gillispie	William and Maggie
" 2	Leo Desmond	James W. and Flora A.
" 2	Fredk. D. Bartholomew	Fred H. and Bertha A.
" 3	Hollis Lee Wilkins	Frank H. and Lura M.
" 4	Arthur T. Hill	Geo. W. and Annie E.
" 12	Ernest B. Corbett	Walter E. and Harriet I.
" 20	Elizabeth Creighton	John and Elizabeth
" 21	Joseph Carl	Nicholas and Camilla
" 22	Leo H. Bourbeau	Homer and Agnes
" 30	Esther McCormier	Fred and Jennie
Nov. 1	Henry N. Laundre	Napoleon and Julia
" 4	Kenneth A. Darling	Edward and Jessie
" 6	Joseph Languirand	Joseph and Emma
" 12	Mary Venditti	Michael and Libera
" 16	Clifford A. Russell	Christopher R. and Marie
" 18	Carlton K. Hawkins	Frank E. and Josephine A.
" 26	Tony Patenza	Alphonse and Maria
" 26	Herbert R. Monroe	Herbert F. and Elizabeth M.
" 26	Ruth K. Fisher	James E. and Catherine M.
" 26	Harold C. Clark	Thomas A. and Eunice A.
" 29	George Copeland	Geo. A. and Cora M.
Dec. 2	Forest R. Willard	Elmer F. and Alice J.
" 4	John J. Malloy	Luke and Bridget
" 4	Rachel E. Fitzgerald	Edward J. and Grace E.
" 7	Charles W. Stratton	Geo. B. and Margaret S.
" 9	Wilfred G. J. Lessard	Thomas and Celina
" 9	Olive B. Winslow	Lewis B. and Clara L.
" 10	Pauline M. Denoyelle	Joseph P. A. and Josephine
" 12	Joseph C. Brown	Edward and Katherine
" 15	Annie H. Stockbridge	Walter A. and Mary G.
" 15	Ethel E. Miller	Alphonso H. and Emma J.
" 17	Thomas F. Dunlavey	Burnett and Jennie
" 22	Lillian J. Stewart	John J. and Grace L.
" 30	Raymond A. Bright	Frederick A. and Josephine

Total, 127.

Marriages Recorded in Franklin During 1899.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	MARRIED BY
Jan. 1	Walter A. Stockbridge Gertrude R. Hill	34 24	Franklin “	Henry E. Stimson, J. P.
“ 4	James E. Fisher Addie M. Morrison	28 25	Franklin Boston	Rev. John D. Tierney
Jan 11	Michael O'Toole Mary J. Keefe	26 25	South Framingham Franklin	Rev. M. J. Lee
April 12	Amos P. Woodward Julia Annabelle Lewis	61 45	Franklin “	Rev. D. M. Hodge
“ 23	Henry B. Lewis Margaret D. Wade	25 19	Wrentham “	Rev. Guy W. Miner
Feb. 6	Charles H. Horne Lizzie Bennet	27 22	Norwich, Ct. “	Rev. J. P. Chadbourne
“ 8	James Kealey Catherine Creighton	34 32	Franklin “	Rev. M. J. Lee
“ 22	Warren I. Kelsey Ethel M. Hunter	21 20	Franklin Medway	Rev. Neil E. Herman
“ 26	Emile Burtet Rachel Lannigan	20 21	Franklin “	Rev. F. B. Sleeper
March 9	John Ewen Blanche F. Leighton	24 21	Franklin W. Pembroke, Me.	Rev. E. S. Gahan
April 6	William T. Dewdney Elizabeth F. Sullivan	34 32	Providence, R. I. Franklin	Rev. M. J. Lee
“ 19	Amos Parker Cora M. Sanborn	24 22	Franklin “	Rev. R. W. Savage
“ 26	John J. Sweeney Nellie M. Kelley	30 24	Franklin “	Rev. M. J. Lee
May 14	Frank E. Hawkins Josephine A. Harrington	24 20	Franklin “	Rev. H. H. Buck
“ 28	John R. Andrews Ella V. Budreau	34 27	Uxbridge Franklin	Rev. C. A. Roys
“ 31	Elisha F. Richardson Rena Bullard	80 69	Franklin “	Rev. I. W. Sneath
June 21	Mark W. Knowlton Annie M. Rogers	21 20	Franklin “	Rev. I. W. Sneath
“ 28	William C. Howard Sarah A. Maroney	31 25	Watertown Franklin	Rev. M. J. Lee
July 20	Alfred J. Tripp Alma R. Emmons	50 50	Franklin Bloomingdale, N. S.	Rev. I. W. Sneath
“ 31	Michael J. Cullen Margaret E. Reynolds	27 28	Franklin “	Rev. M. J. Lee
“ 31	Victor T. Gould Minnie H. Jeffords	40 27	Cambridge Franklin	Rev. J. P. Chadbourne
Aug. 5	Edward J. Fitzgerald Grace E. Flynn	32 19	Franklin “	Rev. J. P. Chadbourne

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	MARRIED BY
Aug. 31	Lewis B. Winslow Clara L. Hall	26 20	Walpole Foxboro	Rev. F. B. Sleeper
Sept. 11	Adolph A. Chamberlain Angie N. St. John	26 19	Franklin "	Rev. M. J. Lee
" 19	Thomas H. Cobb Catherine E. Mahon	25 25	Bellingham Franklin	Rev. J. H. Riordan
" 20	Frank A. Tatro Georgia A. Languirand	30 19	Franklin "	Rev. F. B. Sleeper
Oct. 4	Walter E. Campbell Gertrude E. Shirley	22 22	Watertown Franklin	Rev. F. B. Sleeper
" 12	Hubert H. Gates Florence A. Bullard	28 35	Franklin "	Rev. I. W. Sneath
" 18	Addison E. Winchenbach Abbie M. Allen	38 29	Franklin "	Rev. I. W. Sneath
" 21	J. Albert Bryson Mary E. White	27 27	Franklin "	Rev. F. B. Sleeper
" 23	Wilfred Joyal Celina J. Rabataille	20 21	Franklin "	Rev. M. J. Lee
" 23	Thomas S. McDermott Mary A. Collins	25 26	Franklin Watertown	Rev. Thomas W. Coughlan
Nov. 8	George Knibb Emma Lundborn	33 21	Franklin "	Rev. William J. Minchin
" 11	Amos Garland Mary Kane	35 38	Franklin "	Rev. R. W. Savage
" 14	Elbert J. Gilmore Annetta May Hartshorn	27 26	Franklin "	Rev. W. W. Shenk
" 16	Dennis Fitzgerald Mary Donahue	31 27	Franklin "	Rev. M. J. Lee
" 23	Lawrence McGinnis, Jr. Catherine Nolan	26 24	Medway Franklin	Rev. Geo. L. Perin
" 27	Daniel A. Sheehan Josephine Landry	35 21	Blackstone Franklin	Rev. M. J. Lee
" 29	Horace M. Taylor Mary I. Hosie	28 32	Medfield Franklin	Rev. Dwight M. Hodge
" 30	George H. Pike Kate Barckley	47 37	Hardwick "	Rev. I. W. Sneath
Dec. 7	Alfred W. Dana Lillian Cosseboom	37 27	Boston Franklin	Rev. D. M. Hodge
" 13	Frederick Percy Wyman Meline L. Languirand	24 21	Watertown Franklin	Rev. F. B. Sleeper
" 25	Austin P. Shirley Ethel L. Pollard	23 24	Franklin Medway	Rev. Guy W. Miner
" 25	Emmanuel MacInnis Douloria M. Morell	24 24	Cambridge Franklin	Rev. M. J. Lee

Deaths Recorded in Franklin During 1899.

The initial letter inclosed is the first letter of the maiden name.

DATE.	NAME OF PERSON.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Y.	M.	D.	
January 3	John Downing.....	58	—	—	Exposure to cold.....
" 8	David Fisher.....	86	11	18	Senility and Cancer.....
" 11	Emery Thayer.....	81	—	—	Old age.....
" 13	James M. Freeman.....	83	7	2	Old age.....
" 19	____ Parish.....	—	—	—	Premature birth.....
" 22	Lewis H. Marsh.....	79	10	7	Cardiac failure.....
" 23	Joseph Snow.....	—	—	—	Premature birth.....
" 27	Rosella Bourbeau.....	—	9	25	Measles.....
" 29	Sarah M. Sheldon.....	22	8	10	Pneumonia.....
" 29	Joseph Kane.....	34	2	17	Phthisis.....
" 29	Winnefred Grant.....	1	8	15	Tubercular Peritonitis.....
February 1	Nancy Sullivan.....	52	—	—	Pneumonia.....
" 6	____ Stewart.....	—	—	—	Stillborn.....
" 12	Edith M. Couthill.....	4	4	—	Acute meningitis.....
" 23	George A. Usher.....	—	8	16	La. grippe.....
" 18	George S. Perkins.....	78	7	3	Apoplexy.....
" 27	John Morell.....	—	7	—	Convulsions.....
" 28	John B. McCormick.....	18	10	19	Pneumonia.....
March 3	Frances M. Lynch.....	—	2	23	Inanition.....
" 24	Walter E. Desper.....	3	1	20	La. grippe.....
" 27	Sally Hawes.....	88	8	26	Acute nephritis.....
" 27	Alice A. Rhodes.....	76	1	12	Old age.....
" 27	Mabel Legare.....	—	—	15	Pneumonia.....
" 30	Otis F. Metcalf.....	78	9	5	Old age.....
" 30	Justin E. Pond.....	78	2	29	Old age.....
April 14	Timothy Finneran.....	59	—	—	Pneumonitis.....
" 19	George E. Kendall.....	61	11	22	Phthisis Pulmonalis.....
May 18	Mary A. Smith.....	36	8	11	Phthisis Pulmonalis.....
" 18	Frank P. Guigon.....	50	—	—	Melancholia.....
June 2	Bernard McMahon.....	61	4	—	Chr. parenchymatous nep.....
" 2	Michael Bousquant.....	68	—	10	Accidental burning.....
" 9	Isaac E. Razee.....	61	5	15	Cancer
" 11	Eleazer J. Jenks.....	82	3	8	Cerebral apoplexy.....
" 17	Ruth E. Jenks.....	53	2	21	Bright's disease.....
" 14	B. (Davis) Reid.....	87	10	19	Cerebral apoplexy.....
" 18	Estella D. Johnston.....	—	11	5	Cholera infantum.....
Aug. 1	Amanda Vandall.....	33	3	—	Eclampsia.....
" 8	Earle B. Lewis.....	—	4	—	Marasmus.....
" 10	Mary S. Harper.....	—	—	14	Cholera Infantum.....
" 11	Mary Quinn.....	—	4	—	Cholera Infantum.....
" 15	____ Owens.....	—	—	—	Premature birth.....
" 15	David H. Pierce.....	84	9	21	Senile gangrene.....
" 16	Joseph Quinn.....	—	4	4	Marasmus.....
" 16	Sidney F. Ochee.....	1	2	23	Diarrhea.....
" 19	William A. Jenckes.....	83	2	7	Heart failure.....
" 23	Jason Tower.....	74	9	8	Cerebral softening.....
" 25	Louis Pasini.....	—	—	22	Cholera Infantum.....
" 25	Alfred D. O'Clair.....	—	—	1	Premature birth.....
" 25	Benjamin Cross.....	81	11	19	Congestive apoplexy.....
" 27	Betsy A. Whiting.....	77	2	21	Chronic enteritis
Sept. 4	William B. Nolen.....	83	4	28	Old age
" 7	Annie M. St. Pierre.....	2	3	25	Spinal meningitis.....
" 7	Nicholas Calcci.....	2	2	11	Broncho pneumonia.....
" 29	Thomas F. Gibson.....	20	—	6	Phthisis
" 30	Charles B. O'Keefe.....	24	—	—	Sobar pneumonia.....
Oct. 3	Mancy M. Daniels.....	64	3	—
" 5	Lewis Hawkins.....	79	11	25	Valvular stenosis
" 11	Michael J. Curley	24	—	—	Phthisis pulmonalis.....
" 14	Timothy Callahan.....	59	5	—	Chr. parenchymatous nep.....
" 16	Marie Corry.....	—	4	—	Marasmus.....
" 17	Thomas Hutchinson.....	80	—	—	Senile dementia.....
" 29	Juliet Stanley.....	84	8	24	Old age.....
Nov. 19	Nathaniel Hawes	83	11	25	Senile debility.....

DATE.	NAME OF PERSON.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Nov. 21	Mary Ross Clegg..	67	6	1	Cerebral hyperemia.....
Dec. 6	Alice J. Willard.....	28	8	7	Malaria fol. puerperium...
" 10	Mary O'Clair.....	40	4	1	Pneumonia.....
" 11	George Copeland.....	—	—	12	Congestion of lungs.....
" 13	Parker R. Farr.....	68	5	7	Heart disease.....
" 13	Emily Young.....	62	10	—	Heart disease.....
" 15	Viola E. Shaw.....	3	1	—	Scarlet fever.....
" 24	Timothy J. Donoghue.....	28	—	—	Railroad injuries.....
" 30	John E. Booth.....	50	—	—	Carcinoma.....

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